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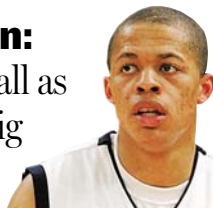


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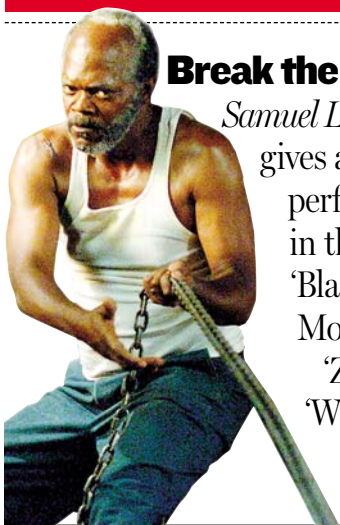
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## Twisters Leave Deadly Wake

**HEAVY DAMAGE:** Ralph Stites salvages items Thursday after a tornado struck near Blue Mound, Kan., Wednesday night. The same weather system spawned tornadoes that killed 13 in Alabama and one girl in Missouri Thursday. ❖ **Collapsed roof:** Storm kills eight at Alabama high school | **Page 4**

## Hospital's General Is Dismissed

Poor treatment of veterans leads to firing at Walter Reed

WASHINGTON | The Army fired the general in charge of Walter Reed Army Medical Center after disclosures about inadequate treatment of Iraq veterans and other wounded soldiers.

The action on Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman, who was commanding general of the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command as well as Walter Reed hospital, was announced Thursday by Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey.

In a brief announcement, the Army said service leaders had "lost trust and confidence" in Weightman's leadership abilities "to address needed solutions for soldier outpatient care." He had headed Walter Reed since last August.

The Army and the Defense Department began their own investigations after The Washington Post published stories last week that documented problems in soldiers' housing and in the medical bureaucracy at Walter Reed, which has been called the Army's premier caregiver for soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

One building was singled out in the Post reports as being in bad repair, including having mold on interior walls. ROBERT BURNS (AP)

**REMEDIES | Pet Heave** Most dogs are as happy as can be when riding in the car. But if it makes your four-legged friend woozy, help is on the way. The Food and Drug Administration is approving the first drug to keep dogs from vomiting when they get motion



sickness. Cerenia will be available in two forms. There's a tablet — if you can get your Fido to actually swallow it. Otherwise, there's an injection. Either way, you'll have to have the vet approve its use. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

# eyeOpeners

## PANIC

### Crowd Reaction Also Accurately Simulated

Children at a Tokyo zoo panicked after an employee in an orangutan suit faked an animal escape as part of a zoo safety drill, the (U.K.) Daily Mail reported. The test at Tama Zoo was to check staff readiness in case a dangerous animal escaped. So, a worker donned the suit in the scenario and escaped over the fence. When the costumed employee jumped out, however, a frightened school party scattered, as did other crowds. Zoo staff pursued the fake orangutan, which eventually grabbed a staff worker and then pretended to have been shot with a tranquilizer gun. (EXPRESS)



## EXPLOSIONS

### Quick and Easy Way To Mash Potatoes

A woman in Naples, Italy, got an unwelcome surprise Tuesday when she bought a sack of potatoes at a nearby market, put them into water to peel and discovered one of them was a hand grenade apparently left over from World War II. Olga Mauriello had put the potatoes in a vat of water and had just begun peeling them when she found the explosive, covered in dirt, police said Wednesday. An alarmed Mauriello called neighbors, who in turn called police. Officers detonated the grenade in a park on Wednesday, state police said. The grenade was believed to have traveled with the potatoes from France. (AP)



STAN HONDA/AP/GETTY IMAGES

## CELEBRATIONS

### Day of Pigs

Let's see: You have a few months before Mother's Day and a few months before Father's Day, too, so you're good there. Gee, what are you forgetting? Uh-oh — you mean you didn't get a gift for a pig on National Pig Day on Thursday? Shame on you. At least some one remembered Otis, a Vietnamese potbellied pig, who ate vegetables Thursday at the Central Park Zoo in New York to celebrate. The day was started in 1972 to honor "the ancient and venerable pig." (EXPRESS)

## NEGOTIATIONS

### Should've Held Out For 2 Warm Pabsts

Two inmates housed in a Johnson City, Tenn., smoke-free prison traded a hos-

tage for cigarettes Monday after a six-hour standoff. Billy Grubb and Bradley Johnson attacked the guard, said Howard Carlton, warden of the Northeast Correctional Complex. "As the night progressed, they started saying, 'Look,

we'll give up if you let us have some tobacco. If you do that, we'll go back to our cell,'" Carlton said. "They got them some cigarettes, they smoked them and went back to their cell and locked themselves back in." (AP)

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**WATERED DOWN:** Jeffrey Crane of Hobart, Ind., got something unexpected when he stopped to gas up his truck Saturday — a tank full of water. Ahmad Mochtar, owner of the station where Crane filled up, said a cracked seal allowed ground water to seep into the stations' supply line.

# Nation

## In Brief



PABLO MARTINEZ/MONTS/VAIS/AP

Former Rep. Bob Ney began serving his 30-month prison term on Thursday.

### MORGANTOWN, W.VA.

#### Former Congressman Ney Begins Prison Sentence

Former Ohio Rep. Bob Ney reported to a federal prison Thursday morning to begin serving a 2 1/2-year sentence for corruption, a fall from grace spurred by gifts from now-imprisoned lobbyist Jack Abramoff. Ney pleaded guilty in October to conspiracy and making false statements, admitting he traded influence for golf trips, campaign donations and other gifts arranged by Abramoff. (AP)

### LITTLETON, COLO.

#### Columbine High School Evacuated After Threat

Columbine High School, the site of the U.S.'s deadliest school massacre eight years ago, was evacuated Thursday after officials received at least one call about a bomb threat, authorities said. Jefferson County Sheriff's spokeswoman Jacki Kelley said she believed more than one threat was called in Thursday morning. She did not know whether the caller made a reference to the 1999 attack. (AP)

# Bush Pledges Help for Gulf Coast

President visits ailing region for the first time in six months

NEW ORLEANS | President Bush acknowledged Thursday that the people of the Gulf Coast are angry with the slow pace of recovery from Hurricane Katrina, and he promised to help speed it up.

"I fully understand that there are frustrations, and I want to know the frustrations," Bush said during lunch with city leaders. "To the extent we can help, we'll help."

The Bush administration's initial response to the most destructive natural disaster in U.S. history was widely seen as a failure.

In his first visit to the region in six months, Bush sought to fight the perception that he has forgotten about those hard-hit by the August 2005 storm. Much of the city outside the tourist areas remains in ruins.



CHARLES DHRAPAK/AP

President Bush tours rebuilding efforts Thursday in a neighborhood affected by Hurricane Katrina with community federal block grant recipient Cheryll Woodward.

"I committed to the people of this part of the world and the Gulf Coast that the federal government would fund recovery — and stay committed to the recovery," Bush said during his 14th trip to the

region. It was his first visit since he toured the area on the storm's one-year anniversary.

The White House says Bush has helped make \$110 billion in aid available for rebuilding, edu-

cation and rental assistance. Bush's aides say Cabinet officials have visited the region dozens of times, and that state and local leaders must share responsibility for delays.

Sitting next to Bush at lunch was New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, who has been outspoken in demanding a better federal response. Crime has soared in the city, and health care is limited. Large numbers of residents are so frustrated they are thinking of leaving for good.

The federal official overseeing recovery efforts said Katrina's damage was so vast that it was hard to estimate when the recovery will be completed.

"We all have a sense of urgency," Don Powell, Bush's coordinator for the Gulf Coast recovery, said.

"But I think it's important to put it in perspective about the size of the storm, and how overwhelming this storm was," Powell said. "I think there's been some good progress."

BEN FELLER (AP)

## HEARSAY | AMNESTY

"I do not believe amnesty is the right course for the 11 or 12 million illegal immigrant who are living here."

—REPUBLICAN MITT ROMNEY, CRITICIZING SEN. JOHN MCCAIN'S IMMIGRATION EFFORTS WHILE CAMPAIGNING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION THURSDAY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Democrats Nix Cut in Troop Funds

WASHINGTON | Just hours after floating the idea of cutting \$20 billion from President Bush's \$142 billion request for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan next year, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad was overruled by fellow Democrats Thursday.

"It's nothing that any of us are considering," Senate Majority

Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told reporters.

Conrad's trial balloon to cut war funding would have affected the budget year beginning Oct. 1 and was separate from the ongoing debate over Bush's \$100 billion request for immediate supplemental funding for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Even the Pentagon acknowledges that its \$142 billion 2008 war funding request is simply a best guess of Iraq and Afghanistan costs, and Conrad's proposal didn't earn rebukes from Budget Committee Republicans.

But the speed with which it was rejected by his colleagues seemed to reflect Democrats' sensitivity to any accusations of underfunding troops in battle. (AP)

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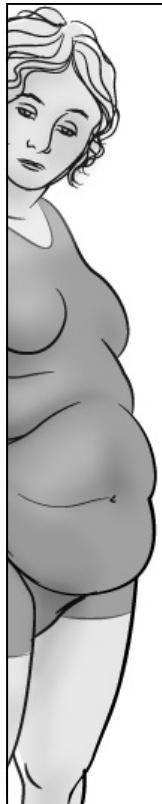
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The number of drug suspects extradited to the U.S. from Colombia since 2002, according to the State Department's annual survey of the global drug war.

# Guard Lacking Resources

## Equipment shortages rife in Army Reserves, commission reports

Nearly 90 percent of Army National Guard units in the United States are rated "not ready" — largely because of shortfalls in equipment worth billions of dollars — jeopardizing the Guard's ability to respond to crises at home and abroad, according to a congressional commission that released a preliminary report Thursday on the state of U.S. military reserve forces.

The commission found that heavy deployments of the Nation-

al Guard and Reserves since 2001 for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and other anti-terrorism missions have deepened shortages, forced the military to cobble together units and hurt recruiting. The problems threaten to undermine the nation's 830,000-strong selected reserves, the commission said.

"We can't sustain the [National Guard and Reserve] on the course we're on," said Arnold L. Punaro, chairman of the 13-member Commission on the National Guard and Reserves.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the use of U.S. military reservists has sharply escalated,

from about 12.7 million days of service in 2001 to an estimated 63 million in 2006. The current increase of U.S. troops in Iraq is expected to require the accelerated call-up of as many as four National Guard combat brigades beginning early next year, as part of an effort to relieve the strain on active-duty brigades, which are now spending as much time in combat as at home.

But while the selected reserves make up more than one-third of the U.S. military, they receive only 3 percent of the equipment funding and 8 percent of the defense department budget, the report said. ANN SCOTT TYSON (WASHINGTON POST STAFF WRITER)

## Cohabitation Law Repealed In North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. | Unmarried couples who live together will no longer be considered criminals after the state House agreed Thursday to repeal the law that has existed since the state was founded.

Representatives voted 48-41 to get rid of the law that lists a man and woman living together without being married as a sex crime.

Florida, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia have similar laws.

Gov. John Hoeven is expected to sign the legislation, spokesman Don Canton said.

Attempts to get rid of the law failed in the past two legislative sessions.

The legislation creates a new offense, making it illegal for a man and woman to pass themselves off as being married for the purpose of committing fraud. It keeps the penalty of a 30-day jail sentence and a \$1,000 fine.

Census figures from 2000 show 23,000 people in North Dakota living together without being married, Potter said.

Census figures from that same year show 5.2 million people in the United States lived in what was classified as an "unmarried partner household." (AP)



Rescue workers wait outside Enterprise High School in Alabama after apparent tornadoes struck the building Thursday. Eight deaths were confirmed at the school.

## 8 Killed as Tornado Hits Alabama High School

### Storm system also blamed for death of young girl in Missouri

ENTERPRISE, ALA. | Apparent tornadoes killed at least 13 people in Alabama on Thursday, including eight at a high school where students were trapped under a collapsed roof, state officials said.

State Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Yasamie Richardson said eight fatalities "are in relation to the high school,

but whether they are all students or some students and teachers we're not sure."

House Speaker Seth Hammett, at the Statehouse in Montgomery, announced that five people had died at Miller's Ferry in west Alabama, where another apparent tornado tore into mobile homes.

More than 40 people were brought in to an Enterprise hospital as a violent storm front crossed the state. The same system was blamed for a tornado that killed a 7-year-old girl in Missouri. (AP)



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# McCain Faces Challenges

Presidential candidate criticized for saying lives 'wasted' in Iraq

WASHINGTON | As a Republican heavyweight, not an underdog, Sen. John McCain embarks on his second presidential run facing numerous challenges in courting a GOP establishment he once spurned at nearly every turn.

In a move meant to spark his campaign, the Arizona senator chose a late-night talk show to make clear Wednesday what long had been anticipated — “I am announcing that I will be a candidate for president of the United States.”

But a day after he disclosed his plans on CBS’ “Late Night With David Letterman” to formally



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., announced his presidential candidacy Wednesday.

enter the race in April, McCain found himself on the defensive for saying during the appearance that U.S. lives had been “wasted” in Iraq.

“I should have used the word sacrificed, as I have in the past,” McCain said.

The episode underscored the intense scrutiny in store for McCain as he seeks the presidency as one of the GOP’s strongest contenders. McCain must convince Republican primary voters that they can trust him to be a loyal party champion who will adhere to GOP’s core principles — and not waver.

Some conservatives are skeptical of his veracity given that he once derided their leaders as “agents of intolerance” but now has sought to repair relations with them.

McCain could also end up fighting the perception that his time to win is past. Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney are fresh faces to GOP primary voters, who largely know McCain from his previous run — and have deep-seeded feelings for him, for better or worse.

LIZ SODOTI (AP)

# Historian Schlesinger Dies of Heart Attack

Pulitzer Prize winner worked as an adviser to President Kennedy

NEW YORK | Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and “court philosopher” of the Kennedy administration who remained a proud liberal even as others dared not use the word, has died. He was 89.

Schlesinger was dining with family members in Manhattan on Wednesday when he suffered a heart attack, his son Stephen said. He died at New York Downtown Hospital.

Schlesinger was among the most prominent historians of his time, widely respected as learned and

readable, with a panoramic vision of American culture and politics. He received a National Book Award and



Schlesinger

a Pulitzer for “A Thousand Days,” his chronicle of President Kennedy’s administration. He also won a Pulitzer for “The Age of Jackson,” a chronicle of

Andrew Jackson’s administration.

“Arthur was a trusted friend and loyal adviser to President Kennedy, and a wonderful friend to me and to all of us in the Kennedy family,” Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said. “I will miss him terribly, but his contributions to this country will live on.” (AP)

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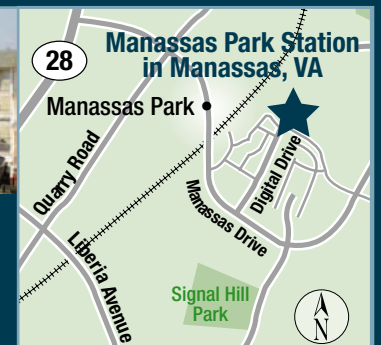
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## World

### In Brief

WASHINGTON

#### U.S. Files Charges Against Australian Held at Gitmo

The U.S. filed charges Thursday against David Hicks, an Australian suspected of aiding the Taliban in Afghanistan and the first terrorism



Hicks

war-era detainee to be charged under the new law for military commissions. The decision was made even though officials of Australia had

asked the U.S. not to bring such charges. Hicks is a former kangaroo skinner captured in Afghanistan in December 2001. He has been held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for more than five years without trial. According to a Defense Department announcement, Hicks is being charged with "providing material support for terrorism." (AP)

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

#### Car Bomb Is Apparent Assassination Try on Mayor

A car bomb exploded Thursday in a busy district of the southern city of Neiva, injuring eight people in an apparent assassination attempt of the town's pro-government mayor by leftist rebels. Mayor Cielo Gonzalez said she was giving a weekly interview to radio station HJJK when police removed a suspicious-looking vehicle parked outside. Minutes later, the car exploded a few blocks away while being towed, burning a bus and other passing vehicles. (AP)

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

#### French Tourists Allegedly Abducted En Route to Mines

Ten French tourists were kidnapped Thursday in northern Ethiopia, a businessman and a tour operator who work in the region said. The tourists were in a convoy of four vehicles in Dalol, 500 miles northeast of Addis Ababa, traveling to salt mines in the Afar region, when they were kidnapped, said the businessman. Both he and the tour operator spoke on condition of anonymity. (AP)

# N. Korea Firm on Vow to Halt Nukes

## Pyongyang officials hold new, high-level talks with S. Koreans

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | North Korea's No. 2 leader reiterated Thursday his country's pledge to abandon its nuclear weapons, as the impoverished nation sought a resumption of aid at its first high-level talks with South Korea since conducting an atomic test.

Kim Yong Nam said "the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula

is the dying wish" of the country's founding president, Kim Il Sung, the father of current leader Kim Jong Il.

North Korea "will make efforts to realize it," he told South Korean Unification Minister Lee Jae-joung in Pyongyang, the North's capital.

Lee pressed for North Korea to follow through on its breakthrough Feb. 13 agreement with the U.S. and four other countries to shut down its sole operating nuclear reactor in 60 days, and to eventually dismantle



South Koreans pray during a rally against North Korea's nuclear program.

all its atomic programs.

Kim Yong Nam also called for the two Koreas to work together to reunify the peninsula, which was divided after World War II and remains officially at war since the 1950-53 Korean War ended in a cease-fire, not a peace treaty.

South Korea halted rice and fertilizer aid shipments to the North after it test-fired a barrage of missiles last July, and relations worsened following North Korea's Oct. 9 underground nuclear test.

BURT HERMAN (AP)



IN CHECK: Iraqi soldiers talk to motorists at a checkpoint on Thursday in Baghdad, which saw a break in the city's violence.

# Iraqi Bombing Targets Shiite Cleric

## Attack occurs amid relative lull in violence pummeling Baghdad

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A roadside bomb exploded Thursday alongside the convoy of a prominent Shiite cleric whose high-level political ties have made him the target of past assassination attempts. The imam was not injured, but several bodyguards were wounded.

The attack against Jalal Eddin al-Sagheer, who is also a prominent member of Iraq's parliament, came

on one of Baghdad's quietest days in months — with one reported car bombing and one fatality.

Al-Sagheer has had close calls in the past — which he, in an interview, said were linked to his denunciations of Sunni insurgents and foreign jihadists such as al-Qaeda in Iraq.

U.S. and Iraqi forces also neared agreement to expand the Baghdad security sweep into the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City. Such a move would test the willingness of the powerful Mahdi Army militia to grant its American foes access

to all parts of Baghdad under its control.

The relative lull in violence offered authorities a rare breather after periods of almost hour-by-hour bombings and mortar strikes by suspected Sunni insurgents.

But the calm was broken after nightfall. The rumbling of artillery fire was heard throughout Baghdad.

In recent days, U.S. gunners have pummeled areas of south Baghdad used as suspected staging grounds for car bombings and other attacks. (AP)

# Iranians, Saudis to Hold Talks

## Ahmadinejad will travel to Riyadh to meet with Abdullah

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Iran's president heads to Saudi Arabia on Saturday for discussions with King Abdullah, an indication that weeks of talks between their envoys on simmering conflicts in Iraq and Lebanon have made some headway.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's visit to Riyadh comes as the U.S. is pushing for harsher U.N. sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program.

Ahmadinejad is expected to travel to Saudi Arabia on Saturday for a one-day visit, a Saudi Foreign Ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Iran's ambassador to Riyadh, Mohammad Hosseini, confirmed that Ahmadinejad's trip was "imminent," but declined to elaborate, Iran's official IRNA news agency said.

The visit will culminate weeks of diplomatic activities spearheaded by Saudi Arabia, including a meeting between Abdullah and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and the accord reached in the Saudi city of Mecca to form a unity Palestinian government. DONNA ABU NASR (AP)



## World

# Japan's Painful Legacy in Dispute

## PM Abe says no proof women were forced into brothels in WWII

TOKYO | Yasuji Kaneko, 87, still remembers the screams of the countless women he raped in China as a soldier in the Japanese imperial army in World War II.

Some were teenagers from Korea serving as sex slaves in military-run brothels. Others were women in villages he and his comrades pillaged in eastern China.

"They cried out, but it didn't matter to us whether the women lived or died," Kaneko said in an interview at his Tokyo home. "We were the emperor's soldiers. Whether in military brothels or in the villages, we raped without reluctance."

Historians say some 200,000 women — mostly from Korea and China — served in the Japanese military brothels throughout Asia in the 1930s and 1940s. Many victims say they were kidnapped and forced into sexual slavery by Japanese troops, and the top government spokesman acknowledged the wrongdoing in 1993.

Now some in Japan's government are questioning whether the apology was needed.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Thursday denied women were forced into military brothels across Asia, boosting renewed efforts by right-wing politicians to push for an official revision of the apology. "The



Lee Yong-soo says she was taken from her home at age 14 to work as a sex slave.

fact is, there is no evidence to prove there was coercion," Abe said.

Abe's remarks contradicted evidence in Japanese documents unearthed in 1992 that historians said showed military authorities had a direct role in working with contractors to forcibly procure women for the brothels.

The comments were certain to rile South Korea and China, which accuse Tokyo of failing to fully atone for wartime atrocities.

Lee Yong-soo, 78, a South Korean who was interviewed during a recent trip to Tokyo, said she was 14 when Japanese soldiers took her from her home in 1944 to work as a sex slave in Taiwan.

"The Japanese government must not run from its responsibilities," Lee said. HIROKO TABUCHI (AP)

## Putin Nominates Chechen Leader

GROZNY, RUSSIA | President Vladimir Putin on Thursday nominated widely feared strongman Ramzan Kadyrov to be Chechnya's new president, while Europe's human rights chief denounced torture and other abuses in the war-battered Russian region.

Kadyrov's paramilitary forces are alleged to be involved in the abduction of both rebels and civil-

ians linked to them. His nomination was widely expected after last week's



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dismissal of Alu Alkhanov, who had increasingly criticized Kadyrov. Lawmakers are expected Friday to approve Kadyrov as president. (AP)

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**BON APPETIT:** Less fat, less sugar, less salt: Even the mostly svelte French are cracking down. The government has ordered food ads to carry cautions telling the French to exercise, eat more fruits and vegetables, and stop snacking. Health officials fear the nation's youth face a growing risk of obesity.

## World

# Harsh Justice on Pakistan's Border

**Taliban-style penalties being carried out in remote militant havens**

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Barbers are scared to shave customers' chins; alleged thieves with blackened faces are paraded through the streets in shame; and suspected spies for the U.S. are found beheaded in a ditch.

Tales of Taliban-style justice in Pakistani border regions are proliferating — a sign that an area already serving as a base for militants fighting in neighboring Afghanistan is slipping further out of government control.

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's recent strategy of seeking peace with pro-Taliban tribesmen, in preference to mili-

tary confrontation, appears to have backfired.

"The pro-Taliban militants are making their presence felt in some very ugly ways," said Samina Ahmed, South Asia director for the Brussels-based International Crisis Group think tank. "They seem to be dictating the agenda."

Residents of Miran Shah, the main town in Pakistan's North Waziristan area and a militant stronghold, say the Taliban run an office where inhabitants can file complaints and receive a quick ruling based on Islamic law from a 10-member committee.

The committee has reputedly dealt with family feuds and seized suspected thieves.

Shopkeepers say three men accused of stealing cars were driven through jeering crowds in



**LAWLESS:** Pakistani soldiers stand guard in the snow-covered region of Alwara Mandei in North Waziristan along the mountainous Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

the nearby town of Mir Ali last week, their faces blackened and heads shaved.

The committee has not yet dealt with any major crimes — partly because the fear of Taliban justice has succeeded in curbing lawlessness, at least in the main towns, residents say.

More ominous are the cases of scores of people who were accused of being aligned with Pakistan's government or being foreign agents, and were later found shot or beheaded, their bodies dumped beside country roads.

In the latest such incident, a schoolteacher's body was found Tuesday in a sack on a roadside in South Waziristan.

A note found with the corpse identified the slain man as "Akhtar Usman, the one who spied for America." The word "Hypocrite" was scrawled on the temple of his severed head in Urdu, Pakistan's main language. STEPHEN GRAHAM (AP)

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## Money

# Wall Street Closes Lower

## Market recovers after Dow drops 209 points during early trading

NEW YORK | A still skittish Wall Street closed modestly lower Thursday, having clawed its way back from an early-session plunge after upbeat manufacturing data allayed fears about a flagging U.S. economy.

The Dow Jones industrials ended 34 points lower after tumbling 209 points in early trading and then briefly reaching positive territory in the afternoon.

Investors, relieved that manufacturing is still expanding, bought some of the stocks pummeled in Tuesday's drop, which sliced 416



Workers talk trades on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday.

points off the Dow.

The Institute for Supply Management's index of February manufacturing activity came in at 52.3, stronger than the 50.0 reading analysts expected. The index is an important measure of a part of

the economy that has given investors headaches in recent months. Manufacturing had contracted a month earlier, according to the index, suffering from the listless housing market and hard-up auto industry.

The ISM data helped the market regain lost ground, but anxiety still plagued the Street, with the indexes bouncing around choppy as many investors bailed out of equities betting that stocks have further to fall.

"The aftermath of Tuesday's major selloff will linger for the next couple of days. I don't think we're totally out of the woods yet," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at New York-based brokerage Avalon Partners Inc. (AP)

## Charges Filed in Insider Trading Ring

NEW YORK | Husband and wife lawyers and 11 top Wall Street workers were charged Thursday with making more than \$15 million in illegal trading profit through an alleged federal securities fraud scheme, authorities said.

Linda Chatman Thomsen, director of the Division of Enforcement for the Securities and Exchange Commission, said in a statement that the case was "one of the most

pervasive Wall Street insider trading rings since the days of Ivan Boesky and Dennis Levine" in the mid-1980s.

Besides the lawyers, defendants including registered representatives, compliance personnel and hedge fund portfolio managers, improperly relied on hundreds of tips during five years of illegal trading, she said.

"And this conduct didn't occur in

obscure boiler rooms — but rather at what are commonly considered 'top tier' Wall Street firms," Thomsen said.

U.S. Attorney Michael Garcia said Wall Street professionals repeatedly traded on secrets revealed to them by insiders at UBS Securities LLC and Morgan Stanley and Co.

Prosecutors said two insider trading schemes and two separate bribery schemes were part of the case. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Valhi	31.32	+8.90	+39.7
Sun-Times	5.41	+1.42	+35.6
CooperTire	17.05	+2.36	+16.1
NACCO	143.22	+14.79	+11.5
LongDrg	50.93	+4.87	+10.6

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ConstellA	20.06	-3.40	-14.5
ConstellB	20.07	-3.38	-14.4
LabCp	70.17	-9.51	-11.9
NCI Bld	49.71	-6.20	-11.1
NatcoG	31.20	-3.31	-9.6

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LeadBrnds	2.82	+.68	+31.9
Amerityre n	5.05	+1.15	+29.5
STATS Chp	11.87	+2.20	+22.8
AscentSol	5.05	+.89	+21.4
Iomai	5.00	-.14	-2.7

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TOR Min	2.56	-.66	-20.5
HoriznOff n	14.03	-2.55	-15.4
RestoreM n	3.65	-.49	-11.8
AirspanNet	4.02	-.52	-11.5
LCC Intl	4.29	-.55	-11.4

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.375	5.25
3-month disc	4.98	5.05
2-year	4.60	4.84
10-year	4.55	4.72
30-year	4.68	4.83

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5101	.5104	.5747
Canadian Dollar	1.1715	1.1703	1.1351
European Euro	.7577	.7567	.8393
Japanese Yen	117.58	118.12	116.07
Mexican Peso	11.1503	11.1737	10.4690
Taiwanese Dollar	32.90	32.98	32.25

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-34.29	-11.94	-3.65
-0.28	-0.49	-0.26
12234.34	2404.21	1403.17

### Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	53.78	-.84	+10.4
Allergan	110.26	-1.45	-7.9
AstraZen	55.08	-1.05	+2.9
BarrPhm	51.56	-1.34	+2.9
BrMySq	26.64	+.26	+2.3
ForestLab	51.87	+.11	+2.5
Hospira	39.22	+.91	+16.8
JohnJn	62.45	-.48	-5.4
KingPhrm	18.63	-.02	+17.0
LillyEli	52.25	-.34	+.3
Merck	43.99	-.16	+.9
Pfizer	25.04	+.08	-3.3
SchergPl	23.24	-.22	-1.7
Sepracor	51.89	-.67	-15.7
Wyeth	49.42	+.48	-2.9



**SPANNING AHEAD:** After nearly three years of construction, a bridge over the Capital Beltway on Route 1 will open this weekend in Alexandria, Va. The \$147 million Route 1 Interchange project is part of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project.

## Famed Museum Heading for D.C.

**Madame Tussauds wax displays to focus more on big politicos**

WASHINGTON | Abraham Lincoln is coming back to life just a block away from Ford's Theatre.

A wax figure of the 16th president will be the first thing visitors see when they enter the next Madame Tussauds wax museum scheduled to open in the U.S.

The attraction is set to open in October and will be located in the former Woodward & Lothrop department store, located down the street from the historic theater where Lincoln was fatally shot, com-

pany officials said Thursday.

Not surprisingly, the D.C. museum will have a special focus on politics and history, featuring the likes of George Washington, President Bush and former President Bill Clinton. But visitors looking for Beyonce Knowles, Will Smith, Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie won't be disappointed.

"What would a wax museum be without them?" said Janine DiGiacchino, general manager of the Madame Tussauds in New York and the future museum in Washington.

The Tussauds Group operates six wax museums worldwide, including the original in London. (AP)

## Hotel Closes Because of Illness

ARLINGTON, VA. | The Crystal City Hyatt has been closed to new guests after an outbreak of gastrointestinal illness.

County health officials said guests and staff who are ill are being treated on site, and those guests who haven't gotten sick are

being moved to other hotels.

The cause of the illness hasn't been determined.

The outbreak comes a few weeks after the Hilton hotel near Dulles Airport was closed temporarily when more than 100 guests were sickened by the norovirus. (AP)



**BY THE NUMBERS:** District officials may spend thousands of dollars to dismantle a house city regulations would not have allowed to be built. The six-bedroom house on the edge of Rock Creek Park was approved by inspectors before residents successfully forced its removal. (AP)

## The Lotteries

**Thursday, March 1**

### DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	<b>4-0-0</b>
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	<b>9-2-6</b>
Mid-day DC 4	<b>2-9-4-3</b>
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	<b>9-9-3-5</b>
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	<b>6-17-21-22-30</b>
Daily 6 (Wed.)	<b>8-13-16-22-23-31 (7)</b>
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	<b>8-13-14-16-28 (9)</b>

### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	<b>2-9-8</b>
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	<b>6-0-0</b>
Mid-day Pick 4	<b>2-3-9-4</b>
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	<b>8-1-9-4</b>

Match 5 (Wed.)	<b>1-5-13-23-31 (25)</b>
Multi-Match (Wed.)	<b>6-8-11-12-24-37</b>

### VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	<b>1-5-4</b>
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	<b>0-2-7</b>
Mid-day Pick 4	<b>1-0-5-6</b>
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	<b>1-7-0-0</b>
Mid-day Cash 5	<b>2-12-16-28-32</b>
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	<b>1-13-24-28-31</b>
Win For Life (Wed.)	<b>6-18-21-24-32-39 (36)</b>

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All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

## 4 Arrested in Protest Compensated

**Washington to require officers for rallies to affirm law knowledge**

WASHINGTON | The District has agreed to pay \$200,000 to four people arrested during the 2002 protests of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

The settlement also requires D.C.

police officers who are assigned to the division in charge of patrolling major demonstrations to sign statements confirming that they are familiar with city laws governing public protests.

In 2004, the D.C. Council passed the First Amendment Rights and Police Standards Act, which curtails the amount of force officers can use with demonstrators. It came largely

in response to the arrests on Sept. 27, 2002, most notably at Pershing Park, where more than 400 people were arrested without warning.

"We want to ensure that ... there's a law that's obeyed and that police officers who have a responsibility for protests can't try to skirt the law by claiming ignorance," said the plaintiffs' attorney, Mara Verheyden-Hilliard. (AP)

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# Genius in a Bottle

**For budding Edisons, the big idea is only a small part of success**

The Washington area should be a bastion of independent inventors — after all, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is right here in Alexandria. Yet only 16 patents were issued to independent inventors in the District in 2005. (Maryland inventors received 280 patents that year and Virginia, 330, according to the most recent data from the patent office.) The Inventors Network of the Capital Area, the primary support group for local inventors, has just 75 members.

But there are signs that Washington is, in fact, brimming with light. A recent area casting call for “Everyday Edisons,” a PBS reality show that chronicles the journey of inventing, turned up nearly 1,000 hopefuls.

At the audition, a man holding a makeshift golf club sat two seats from a woman clutching Tupperware. Like most of the would-be Edisons, they were reluctant to discuss their inventions. Their arms were crossed, as if shielding their ideas from predators.

They are representative of the amateur inventor, of which there are two types, according to Richard C. Levy, author of “The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Cashing In on Your Inventions”: “the paranoid and the more paranoid.”

Of course, inventors should be discreet: Once an idea is publicly disclosed, the clock starts ticking, and an inventor has 12 months to file a patent to protect this bit of intellectual property. But most beginners do not understand that an idea is *just* an idea.

Matt Fleming is an exception. At the casting call, the 32-year-old Arlington resident played his unpatented tabletop game in plain sight, because, he says, “I don’t have the patience or money to hide my inventions.”

Fleming, a clinical psychologist, is the man behind SparkBugg.com, a blog about ideas, based on of his



These shoes made Arlington’s Frampton Ellis a success story. They are designed to limit ankle injuries by mimicking bare feet.

## Lightning Strikes

→ Have a bright idea? Find a few resources to get you started. Plus, area inventors vie for a spot on PBS’ “Everyday Edisons” in this Sunday’s Washington Post.

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belief that — surprise! — ideas beget more ideas. Which is why he’s not overly concerned about someone stealing his.

Besides, he says, “it needs to be your own baby to really run with it, to really believe in it.”

Says Don Kelly, president of the United Inventors Association: “People, in general, are clueless as to where to start and how much actual work and dedication has to go into it.”

Only 54 percent of patent applications receive approval, according to the patent office. A patent application typically costs upward of \$3,000 and can easily run more than \$20,000, depending on the complexity of the patent and whether an inven-

tor chooses to hire a patent lawyer (as opposed to a patent agent) to write the claims.

“Inventing is a crapshoot,” Levy says. “It’s a high-wire act without a net.”

As local inventors go, Frampton Ellis is a success story.

The Arlington resident earned his first patent for an athletic shoe designed to limit ankle injuries by mimicking the bare foot — an idea that came to him one day while he was playing basketball without shoes and noticed that his naked foot provided more stability than his sneakers.



## ALSO THIS SUNDAY

### A Sea of Dreams

Having trouble picking a paradise for your vacation? Find the island in the Caribbean that best fits your tastes. | **Travel**

### Premature Madness

Long before the NCAA Tournament field is even announced, local college basketball fans are flocking to Web sites that forecast who will be dancing later on this March. | **Sports**



The result: Ellis got the big payoff. In 1994, he signed a licensing agreement with Adidas, and the company trotted out its Feet You Wear line based on his design. Steffi Graf won the 1996 U.S. Open wearing the shoes.

Later, when Adidas stopped paying royalties in 2001, Ellis had to litigate. He won the suit — and a hefty settlement, though he won’t disclose the amount. But none of this would have come to be if Ellis hadn’t spent seven years tinker-

**“People, in general, are clueless as to where to start and how much actual work and dedication has to go into it.”**

**DON KELLY, UNITED INVENTORS ASSOC.**

ing with and peddling his invention, sacrificing nights, weekends and vacation time while holding a full-time job as a budget analyst. He estimates that he spent close to \$200,000 on patents and a prototype of the shoe. To market it, he attended trade shows and networked with industry engineers. At one footwear convention, he hopped onto a table barefoot to demonstrate his design — a desperate attempt to call attention to his product.

“That took some guts,” he says.

Indeed. Inventing requires intrepidity and persistence. After all, even Thomas Edison acknowledged that genius is 1 percent inspiration, 99 percent perspiration.

JULIA FELDMEIER (THE WASHINGTON POST)



**CAPITALS**

**Changing Positions:** Alex Ovechkin switched lockers when Dainius Zubrus was traded. He looks to have taken his leadership role also. | 18

# Sports Weekend



**FOLLOW THE LEADER:** Point guard Jonathan Wallace will try to help the Hoyas clinch a share of the Big East title on Saturday.

## General Wallace

**6-foot-1 guard isn't the headliner, but he's the Hoyas' floor leader**

**HOYAS HOOPS** | Sometimes lost in the considerable shadows of 6-foot-9 forward Jeff Green and 7-foot-2 center Roy Hibbert is Jonathan Wallace, Georgetown's 6-foot-1 point guard.

But don't let the lack of head-

lines fool you: Wallace is the key to running the Princeton-style offense that has the Hoyas one win away from winning their first Big East title since 1997.

"We call him our floor general," said Hibbert of Wallace. "He makes sure the offense is running smoothly."

Sometimes that means scoring; he is averaging 11.3 points a game, third best on the team. Often,

though, the junior from Harvest, Ala., simply waits patiently to find the open man who then sinks the shot.

Apparently, Wallace is good at his job — Georgetown is shooting a conference-best 51.3 percent this year and five Hoyas are averaging at least nine points per game in the Big East.

"I feel like the team complements each other," said Wallace,

the league's best free throw shooter at 88.5 percent. "Guys step up in different situations."

Wallace puts his words into action in Saturday's 61-53 win over Pittsburgh. With Green and Hibbert in foul trouble, the guard scored 11 of his game-high 17 points in the first half.

"I wanted to be aggressive with

**SPREADING THE WEALTH**

Point guard Jonathan Wallace is a master at getting everyone on his team involved:

- Jeff Green, F, 13.5 points and 6 rebounds per game
- Roy Hibbert, C, 12.5 points and 6.2 rebounds per game
- Wallace, G, 11.3 points and 2.6 rebounds per game
- Jessie Sapp, G, 9.1 points and 4 rebounds per game
- DeJuan Summers, F, 9 points and 3.4 rebounds per game

those two guys out," said Wallace. "I just wanted to make things happen."

Much has happened on the hill-top since Wallace, Green and Hibbert arrived three years. While the Hoyas narrowly missed the NCAA tournament in 2005, the trio signaled Georgetown's revival with its steady improvement. Last year, the team reached the Sweet 16 only to lose to eventual champion Florida.

Now the No. 9 Hoyas (22-6, 12-3) can clinch a share of the Big East championship by defeating Connecticut in Saturday's regular season finale at Verizon Center.

Georgetown, which had its 11-game winning streak snapped at Syracuse Monday, owns the tiebreaker over Pittsburgh (25-5, 12-3) and would be the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament if they finish with the same league record.

"It's part of a process," Wallace said. "Now that we've reached the top spot, we can't be content."

MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)



→ **TOURNEY-BOUND LOCALS:** Two area teams have already punched their tickets for the NCAA tournament, but they hope to strengthen their seeds. On Saturday, No. 9 Georgetown welcomes Connecticut (noon on CBS). Then, No. 24 Maryland jumps it up with N.C. State (3:30 p.m. on ABC).

**NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES:**

Smyth

The Capitals were one of the many teams that made noise during the trade deadline, and their new players, Andy Hedlund and Jiri Novotny, could suit up on

Saturday (7 p.m. on CSN) against the N.Y. Islanders and their prized trade deadline pickup, Ryan Smyth.

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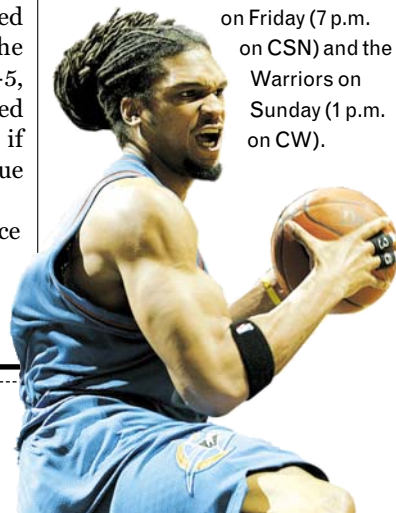
Sunday is the day for college hoops. First, Kentucky battles No. 5 Florida (noon on CBS) in a battle of the SEC elite. Then, No. 14 Duke visits Chapel Hill and No. 5 UNC (4 p.m. on CBS) for a classic showdown.

**ELITE WOMEN:**

The women's ACC tournament is this weekend. No. 1 Duke, No. 4 UNC and No. 6 Maryland all hope to be in the title game on Sunday (1 p.m. on FSN).

→ **ENDING THEIR SLIDE:** After dropping four in a row, the Wizards look to turn around their fortune this weekend when they host the Hawks

on Friday (7 p.m. on CSN) and the Warriors on Sunday (1 p.m. on CW).



**BASEBALL** | **Sorry, A-Rod** Matt White, a journeyman pitcher trying to make the Los Angeles Dodgers, could become baseball's first billionaire player, though it has nothing to do with his arm. White, who has appeared in seven games in nine pro seasons, paid \$50,000 three years ago to buy 50 acres of land from an



elderly aunt who needed the money to pay for a nursing home stay. While clearing out a couple acres to build a home, he discovered stone ledges worth about \$2 billion. "It sounds bogus even saying those numbers," White said. "I'm just a small town guy trying to get to the big leagues." (AP)



# Wizards Still Battling Heat

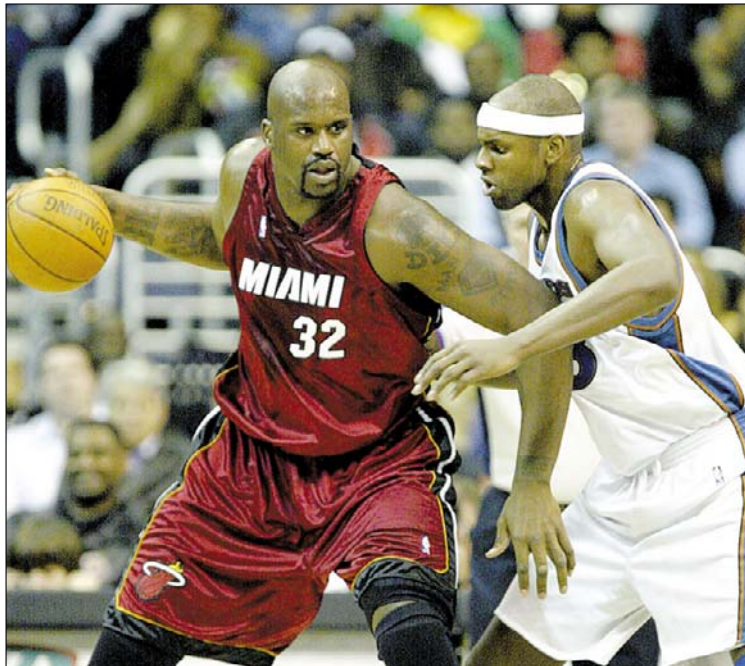
To win division crown, team must overcome injuries, hard schedule

WIZARDS | It's a limp to the finish.

With 26 games to go, Washington (31-25) looks like a safe bet for the playoffs. They have a 3.5-game lead over defending NBA champion Miami after losing to the Dwayne Wade-less Heat on Wednesday night.

But with injuries and a brutal schedule the rest of the way, Washington may need every one of those games as insurance if they want to win the Southeast Division crown.

Sixteen of Washington's last 26 games are back-to-back, and seven of its remaining second-night games are on the road, including two in Miami, where the Wizards haven't won since 2003.



**IN THEIR WAY:** In order to win another Southeast Division crown, Shaquille O'Neal, left, and the Heat have to go through Washington, which has a 3.5-game lead.

## NBA STANDINGS

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Toronto	32	26	.552	—	20-8	12-18
New Jersey	28	30	.483	4.0	17-14	11-16
New York	26	33	.441	6.5	16-13	10-20
Philadelphia	20	38	.345	12.0	12-15	8-23
Boston	15	42	.263	16.5	6-21	9-21

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Detroit	36	19	.667	—	19-10	17-9
Cleveland	33	24	.579	4.0	21-8	12-16
Chicago	33	27	.550	5.5	23-8	10-19
Indiana	29	27	.518	7.5	18-12	11-15
Milwaukee	21	37	.362	16.5	13-12	8-25

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Washington	31	25	.554	—	21-8	10-17
Miami	28	29	.491	3.5	16-10	12-19
Orlando	28	31	.475	4.5	18-12	10-19
Charlotte	22	36	.379	10.0	13-16	9-20
Atlanta	22	36	.379	10.0	10-17	12-19

Washington should get a boost with the impending return of Antawn Jamison, who has practiced recently and spent warmups Wednesday draining threes.

Caron Butler has also missed the last three games with back spasms, but both players expect to return Friday against the Hawks. Their presence could help bring an end to the team's four-game losing streak.

"We get everybody back healthy and I believe we can win on the road," coach Eddie Jordan said. "We can win some back-to-backs. I don't care about what [the Heat] do. I just care about what we do."

The sentiment is the same in the Heat locker room, where it's clear simply sneaking into the playoffs isn't in their plans. But a bold entry into the playoffs isn't exactly realistic.

With Wade sidelined indefinitely (he was to get a second opinion on his dislocated left shoulder Thursday), Miami is a different team. Coach Pat Riley said the Heat may try to close out the season by slowing the pace and pounding the ball inside with Shaquille O'Neal.

"I think we've just got to go ahead and play," Riley said. "We know it's going to be an extended time either way." ERIC BRANDNER

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# Passive Offseason Push

Redskins claim they've learned their lesson from free agent busts

**REDSKINS** | Having learned a lesson or two from last year's dubious haul of offseason signings, Joe Gibbs and the Washington Redskins have altered their approach a bit as they prepare for the start of free agency Friday.

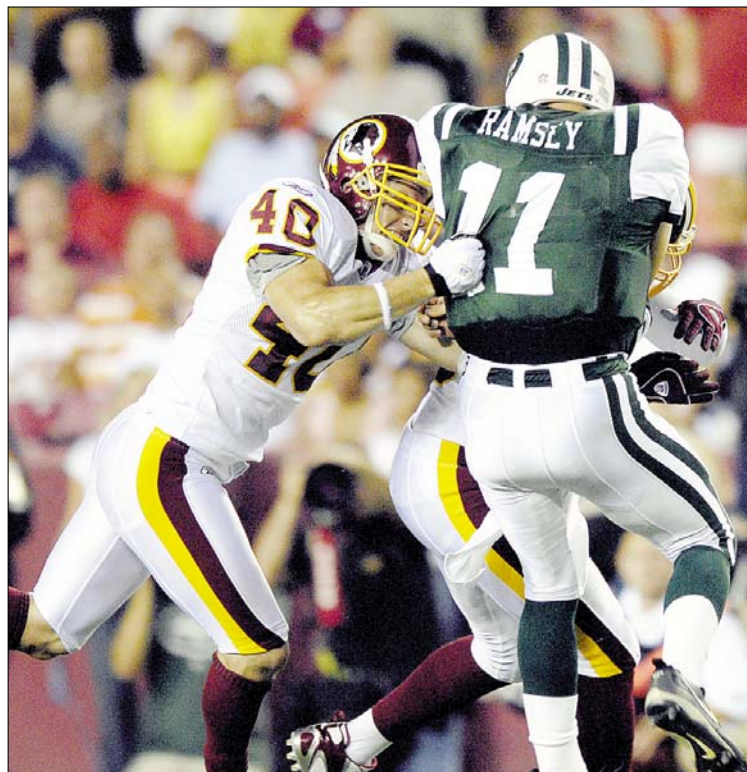
"I think we'll be limited in what we do," Gibbs said. "But it will be well-researched."

Last year, the Redskins traded for Brandon Lloyd and seemed surprised when he turned out to be the same disruptive locker room presence that he'd been in San Francisco. They gave Adam Archuleta the richest contract for a safety in NFL history — then discovered his talents didn't jibe with the role he was asked to play on defense.

So, this year, Gibbs and his coaching staff have been more thorough than ever as they re-evaluate their own talent and the pool of free agents they plan to woo with their limited salary cap space.

"Everybody knows our cap situation," Gibbs said. "Our game plan is take care of our team and then look at free agency and say, 'What can we do to help us at key spots?'"

In other words, the Redskins will still be active players in the open market. After all, they have a repu-



Safety Adam Archuleta, left, was one of the Redskins' major busts last season.

## REDSKINS' OFFSEASON GAME PLAN

After a tough 5-11 season, here are some of the moves Washington is looking to make while trying to keep its title of king of the offseason:

- **Resign G Derrick Dockery.** Coach Gibbs wants to keep his offensive line together but Dockery is asking to be paid like a top lineman.
- **Go after CB Fred Smoot.** Minnesota may release the controversial defensive back, and he would be a nice fit on his former team.
- **Pursue LB London Fletcher and CB Nate Clements.** Both are free agents from Buffalo, but Fletcher is now 32 and Clements wants top dollars.
- **Restructure contracts.** QB Mark Brunell already agreed to a skeleton of his former contract to stay with the team. Others may do the same.

tation to maintain as the champions of the NFL offseason, and they need to do something to fix a 5-11 team that had the NFC's worst defense. The phone calls will start at 12:01 a.m., and owner Dan Snyder could have a plane ready to fly two free agents from Buffalo — linebacker London Fletcher and cornerback Nate Clements — to Redskins Park as soon as possible.

Fletcher would fill a need at middle linebacker, where Lemar Marshall regressed last season in his second year since Antonio Pierce's departure. However, he will be 32 by the time the season starts, adding more age to a roster that's already lacking youth because of the Redskins' preference for free agency over the draft.

While Fletcher is set to command a substantial contract, Clements is in another universe. He's a shutdown cornerback in his prime at age 27, and wants a contract better than the one the Redskins wouldn't give Champ Bailey a few years ago. Bailey was traded to the Broncos, where he signed a \$63 million deal.

If the Redskins get both Fletcher and Clements, it will be another example of the team's track record of overspending on new players when they could have kept their own (Pierce and Bailey) for equal or less money.

Though they claim lessons have been learned. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

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## 'See You Later,' George Michael

**GEORGE MICHAEL IS NOT** your classic sportscaster, at least in the way we think of today's "SportsCenter" heads.

Sure, he's made sure to cover the Redskins extensively for 27 years — a market he's dominated since Glenn Brenner's untimely death in 1992. And Michael has always had an array of local legends — Hall of Fame Redskins Sonny Jurgensen and John Riggins among them — to give expert opinions and could land any top guest when needed.

Yet Michael, who was scheduled to perform his last daily broadcast Thursday night, has always been more of a showman than a sportscaster — having more in common with David

**Michael ... could land any top guest when needed.**

Letterman than Howard Cosell. So while he may transpose more names than he should on air, his segments are always entertaining.

Locally on Channel 4 and nationally on his "Sports Machine," Michael always found time for his passions, even if audiences had no idea what they were watching. Rodeos, pro wrestling and dog shows never had it as good in a major media market than they did under Michael.

But give him credit. Long before NASCAR hit it huge, Michael was at Daytona for weeklong coverage every February.

Fortunately, he will continue with the highly enjoyable "Redskins Report" and "Full Court Press." On each, Michael is at his best — directing traffic in a chaotic 30 minutes full of sometimes hilarious, often insightful debates about sports.

It's not truly "goodbye" to George this week. Rather, it's "see you later."

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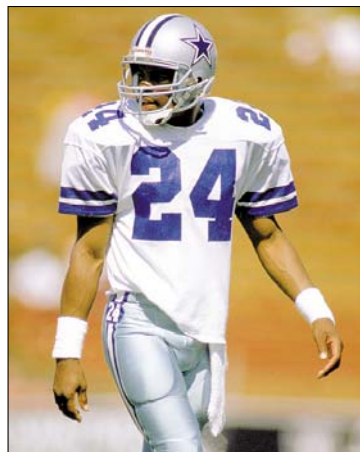
# Bond Between Teammates

Former Cowboys' CB Everson Wells donates a kidney to his friend

**NFL** | Former Dallas Cowboys running back Ron Springs was recovering Thursday after receiving a kidney donated by former teammate Everson Wells.

The transplant operation was performed Wednesday at Medical City Hospital in Dallas.

A news conference was being planned for Friday on the transplant, which officials believe is the first time former U.S. pro-



Everson Wells was a teammate of Ron Springs with the Cowboys in the 1980s.

fessional sports teammates have shared an organ.

The only other documented cases involving former pro athletes as donors include Greg Ostertag giving a kidney to his sister in 2002 when he was playing for the Utah Jazz, and basketball Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson donating a kidney to his daughter in 1997. Basketball players Alonzo Mourning and Sean Elliott are among pro athletes who have received an organ.

Springs, 50, has suffered from diabetes for 16 years and has been on the national transplant waiting list since 2004. The disease has led

to the amputation of his right foot and the big and middle toes on his left foot, and caused his hands to curl into knots. He also was forced into a wheelchair and needed dialysis three times a week.

Providing his body accepts the new kidney, the father of Redskins cornerback Shaw Springs will no longer need dialysis and can expect his hands to regain their normal form. He also should again be able to walk on his own.

Wells, 47, volunteered to be tested after things fell through with two of Springs' relatives who were perfect matches. "I said, 'Well, look, I know my blood type is the same as his. Why not give it a shot and see what happens?'" Wells told The Associated Press. JAIME ARON (AP)



# Moves Start New Season

**After trade, Ovechkin seizes Zubrus' locker and role as Caps' leader**

**CAPITALS** | The NHL trade deadline often provides players a boost with a welcome change of scenery. In Alex Ovechkin's case, that change required a move of just a couple of feet to his right.

Hours after good friend, line-mate and locker room neighbor Dainius Zubrus was traded to Buffalo, Ovechkin tallied two goals and two assists in Tuesday's 6-5 shootout loss to Florida. The four-point haul matched the slumping winger's output in the previous 11 games combined and sent an uplifting message to a struggling club that dealt three veterans this week.

"You can't go to the ice and think about how we lost those guys. We lost great players. But we just have to play," Ovechkin said from Zubrus' old locker, which he claimed upon his former center's departure. "When I come here first game [of 2005] I sit here, but when season



**BREAK OUT:** Slumping superstar Alex Ovechkin, left, started the post-trade deadline era with a four-point game against Florida.

started Zubie came and said 'Ovie, move.' Now I just moved here."

Caps Coach Glen Hanlon said Ovechkin and compatriot Alexander Semin were especially active following a timeout called when the visitors led by three after eight minutes.

"Maybe the two Alexanders thought, 'Well, Zubie's gone and there's room for somebody to take charge of this hockey team,' Hanlon said.

"I have the puck all the time," said Ovechkin. "Today it was a fun game for me and the team."

Whether Ovechkin can continue fill Zubrus' leadership role as the season draws to a close remains to be seen. He promised, "We have a group of guys who stick together and play hard," but the Caps were 24-29-11 heading into last night's game against Tampa Bay and a distant 13 points removed from the playoff picture. They host the New York Islanders on Saturday.

"With how well we were doing [two months ago] I didn't think this would happen," captain Chris Clark said of the trades. "We're going to play these [last 18] games like it's the first 18 for next year."

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# Terps' True, Tested Leader

Langhorne is asked to score more ahead of the ACC tournament

**TERPS WOMEN'S HOOPS** | In a locker room full of talented players, Crystal Langhorne is arguably the most talented.

She's been an All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection in each of her three years at Maryland, the last two on the first team. She was an All-American last season in leading her team to the national championship and is a candidate for the honor again this year.

But the 6-foot-2 Langhorne is no one-woman show for the No. 6 Terrapins (22-4 overall, 10-4 in the ACC). All five of Maryland's starters average in double figures scoring, led by Langhorne's 14.9 points per game in the post.

Is there a problem here? That's up for debate.

Heading into the ACC tournament — and a matchup Friday against the winner of Georgia Tech and Miami — Langhorne's scoring is



Maryland's Crystal Langhorne is averaging 14.9 points per game, down from last year.

down from the 17.2 points per game she averaged in each of her first two seasons. And it's not as if she's lost her touch. If she maintains her pace of converting 72.5 percent of her shots, she'll set an NCAA record.

Langhorne simply isn't shooting as much. Marissa Coleman (12.8 ppg) and Shay Doron (11.6 ppg) average more field goal attempts per game than Langhorne. But coach Brenda Frese said the Ter-

rapins are beginning to recognize the need for the All-American to become more of a focal point.

"I think through the course of the season we've started to buy into it and understand it," Frese said. "The great thing about Crystal is she's never going to take a self-ish shot."

That approach was on display Sunday when Langhorne scored 21 points in the regular-season finale at Boston College. Should Langhorne keep up that pace, the Terrapins, barring any upsets, stand a good chance of facing No. 4 North Carolina in the semifinals and No. 1 Duke in the finals.

Three of Maryland's four losses this season have come at the hands of the Tar Heels and the Blue Devils. And the Terrapins are coming to believe that the key to defeating the powerhouses may well be Langhorne.

"I think Crystal Langhorne is obviously playing at an all-time high level for her, which needed to occur and which she is doing," Frese said. **DEREK TURNER**



Rangers shortstop Michael Young agreed to a five-year, \$80 million deal.

## Texas Inks Young To 5-Year Deal

**MLB** | Shortstop Michael Young has agreed to a contract extension worth about \$80 million over five seasons with the Texas Rangers.

Young didn't discuss the finances of the deal, which is for 2009-13. The \$80 million figure was disclosed by a person familiar with the negotiations and who spoke on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

The Rangers were expected to announce the deal Friday, when they play their spring training opener.

By agreeing to an extension, Young will bypass a chance for free agency in 2008. **(AP)**

# Negotiations Not Easy for the Bears

Smith signs extension after drawn out battle over high-priced deal

**NFL** | Lovie Smith walked into the conference room and took a seat at the center of the dais, which seemed fitting, considering he was in the middle of a storm the past few weeks.

To his left was team president Ted Phillips. To his right, general manager Jerry Angelo. And in front of Smith was the security he craved.

Less than a month after reaching the Super Bowl, the Chicago Bears resolved a major issue Wednesday night when they agreed on an exten-



Smith

sion with Smith that runs through 2011 paying him \$23.45 million over the next five years — an average of about \$4.7 million.

Yet, the process wasn't easy.

Phillips said he made an offer to Smith before the playoffs that was rejected, and the sides agreed to wait until afterward. Phillips came back with "a substantially increased offer" two days after the Super Bowl.

Smith wasn't seeking additional say in personnel. And Phillips said they never haggled over the length of the contract. The issue was simply money.

Smith said Thursday he had no doubts the Chicago Bears would give him the contract extension he wanted, so he never envisioned himself coaching elsewhere — despite numerous reports to the contrary, including one from his agent. **(AP)**

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## Big Trade Kicks Off NFL Offseason

### Broncos to send Tatum Bell to the Lions for cornerback Dre' Bly

NFL | The Detroit Lions will trade cornerback Dre' Bly to the Denver Broncos for running back Tatum Bell, offensive tackle George Foster and a fifth-round pick, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the trade can't be finalized until Friday.

Both teams seemed to fill needs

with the move, which gives Denver a Pro Bowl caliber player to replace the late Darrent Williams and allows Detroit to have more options in free agency and with the No. 2 pick overall in April. The Lions gave Bly, who has one year left on his contract, permission to seek a trade and seemed to add assets instead of releasing him with nothing to show for it.

Bly had three interceptions last season after making 16 the previous three years with the Lions. He played in St. Louis from 1999-2002. Bly has 33 career interceptions.

With Bly playing opposite



Detroit cornerback Dre' Bly, right, had asked for permission to seek a trade. LARRY LAGE (AP)

Champ Bailey, the Broncos would have one of the most formidable cornerback tandems in the NFL.

Bell and Foster struggled last season, briefly losing their starting jobs at various times. Bell split snaps with rookie Mike Bell and Foster was demoted in favor of Adam Meadows.

Both, however, will help Detroit because of running back Kevin Jones (foot) is coming back from an injury and the team struggled to find a solid lineman to play opposite left tackle Jeff Backus.

### Veterans Porter, Horn Released

NFL | Joey Porter, the vocal pass-rushing linebacker, was released by the Pittsburgh Steelers and the New Orleans Saints released four-time Pro Bowl receiver Joe Horn on Thursday.

The 29-year-old Porter, who was in the final year of his contract, had been the starting right outside linebacker since 2000, the year after he was drafted by the Steelers.

Horn, caught 523 passes for 7,622 yards and scored a team-record 50 touchdowns since coming to New Orleans as a free agent in 2000. (AP)



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# Entertainment Weekend



**SNAKES ON A PICKUP?** Samuel L. Jackson and Christina Ricci star in the very strange but affecting "Black Snake Moan."

## Chained Melody

**'Black Snake Moan' is surprisingly tender despite its misogyny**

**FILM** | Sweet is probably the last word you'd expect to use in describing a film about an aging black man who chains a young white woman to a radiator to cure her of her demons. In the rural South, of all places.

Sweet, however, is what "Black

Snake Moan" ultimately, unexpectedly becomes.

This is a movie that's definitely going to make people angry. Many will view it as racist, misogynistic or both — or just plain hard to watch. It doesn't exactly shy away from being pulpy or over-the-top, which can be both its allure and its greatest weakness.

But if you can just accept the metaphor, and that's what writer-

director Craig Brewer intends the chain to be, you'll find an ingenious vision of the fundamental concept of redemption. Love lost and found, faith lost and found — Brewer takes these tried-and-true themes and breathes bold, fresh life into them.

Samuel L. Jackson's Lazarus and Christina Ricci's Rae form a friendship that's complicated, strange and often funny, but in the end balanced

and very warm. S. Epatha Merkerson and Justin Timberlake complete the picture as the people who love them.

As Lazarus, a small-time farmer whose wife has left him for his younger brother, Jackson is forceful, no-nonsense and slightly unpredictable.

But there's a softer side, too, which is evident when Lazarus finds Rae lying on the side of the road near his house.

Rae is damaged after a lifetime of abuse. The one man who loved her for her is Timberlake's Ronnie, who's just left for boot camp.

When Lazarus finds Rae, she's still in a stupor from having numbed herself at a party the previous night with booze and drugs. She's been beaten up, raped and kicked from the front seat of a pickup truck wearing nothing but a cut-off T-shirt and a pair of white cotton panties.

Lazarus picks her up and begins nursing her back to health but soon realizes she's in far worse shape. She has these spells in which she seethes and writhes from the inside out, and she cures them by acting out in a brazenly sexual fashion.

Hence the chain. He figures that as long as he has her secured, she can't cause herself (or anyone else) any harm. Lazarus also pulls out the old electric guitar he'd stopped playing and feels comfortable enough to sing her the blues — that helps.

Sounds hokey, but it feels startlingly alive and new.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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Old Ebbitt Grill's oysters are tasty, slimy treats for the happy hour crowd.

## Running Mild in the Streets

**'Wild Hogs' pigs out on lame jokes & tired buddy-flick scenarios**

**FILM** | Tim Allen does eat like a pig in one scene of "Wild Hogs." The rest of the time, though, Allen and biker buddies John Travolta, Martin Lawrence and William H. Macy are not all that wild, and more importantly, not all that funny.

The road romp from director Walt Becker is like his "National



**BIKER BOYZ:** The middle-age "comedy" "Wild Hogs" is out of gas from the start.

Lampoon's Van Wilder" on Maalox, the humor and hijinks tame and tranquil as though it were a middle-

aged epilogue to that raunchy campus comedy. "Wild Hogs" has little story and even less characterization

to its stereotyped players. The filmmakers simply fashion an excuse to send their weekend motorcyclists on a cross-country road trip, then string together uninspired encounters with some fellow travelers and a hardcore biker gang headed by Ray Liotta, whose enthusiastic bad-boy performance is wasted.

Most of the jokes are boring or outright annoying, but the movie does have a surprise guest appearance that will amuse biker-film fans. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

**Do you guys know of any bar, etc. that might be showing the Cricket World Cup this month? I know there's a small audience in this area that might be interested.**

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# Time's a Real Killer

**'Zodiac' is a mystery that looks as bleak as the era in which it's set**

FILM | David Fincher is a director of estimable talents.

He's technically imaginative with a great eye for detail and a feel for mood. In films like "Se7en," "Fight Club" and "Panic Room," he sets a scene, sucks you in and shows you over and over that you're in the hands of a visual master.

His abilities have often made him seem like a bit of a show-off — which is partly what makes the comparative aesthetic subtlety of "Zodiac" so striking.

In telling the real-life story of a serial killer who terrorized the San Francisco Bay Area during the late 1960s and early '70s, he

makes you feel as if you're watching a film that was actually made during that time.

It's low-key, straightforward, a bit faded. No stylized tricks, nothing flashy about it.

But in toning things down, Fincher also drags them out. "Zodiac" runs an astonishing two hours and 40 minutes, and it feels like it. If you're going to ask your audience to sit happily for that sort of duration, you'd better give them an absolute masterpiece of cinema.

"Zodiac" certainly has its moments, but it's no masterpiece.

It's solid for the first hour and a half: taut and tense, thrilling and often darkly funny. Fincher and screenwriter James Vanderbilt ("Basic"), working from the true-crime best-seller by former San Francisco Chronicle politi-



**SUCH A LONG TIME:** Jake Gyllenhaal and Robert Downey Jr. wonder whether the killer will strike again before "Zodiac" ends.

cal cartoonist Robert Graysmith, keep you guessing and make you feel as if you're right in the thick of the chase.

The film features some excellent performances from a strong cast, including Mark Ruffalo as tenacious San Francisco police Inspector David Toschi (supposedly the inspiration behind Clint Eastwood's "Dirty Harry" charac-

ter) and Robert Downey Jr. as self-destructive Chronicle reporter Paul Avery, who covered the Zodiac killings. Brian Cox absolutely tears it up as celebrity defense lawyer Melvin Belli.

As the obsessed Graysmith, though, Jake Gyllenhaal is both the central figure and the weakest link. He keeps the hunt alive when there seems to be nowhere else to

go with it, though his character is never fleshed out sufficiently to make you believe that he'd sacrifice his safety and that of his family to find the truth.

As the killings subside and the official investigation lags, so does the film, causing you to glance reflexively at your watch and realize, wow, there's still another hour left. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**



Despite starring in the 220-minute "Lawrence of Arabia," Peter O'Toole and Omar Sharif can't believe how long today's movies are.

## Modern-Day Epics

**Along with popcorn, filmgoers are now getting numb butts**

BLOATED | Director David Fincher knows some people may think his serial-killer saga "Zodiac" is too long

at two hours, 40 minutes. He's wondered the same thing himself but decided the film needed that much space to tell the story he wanted.

"Zodiac" and other recent epic-length films such as "The Good Shepherd" reflect an age-old Hollywood balancing act: satisfying

filmmakers' artistic desires without causing audiences to squirm in their seats.

Long, long movies have been around since Hollywood moved beyond one-reel shorts in the early silent-film days. D.W. Griffith's historical epics "Intolerance" and

"Birth of a Nation" ran three hours, and Cecil B. DeMille approached that length with his biblical pageant "King of Kings."

Few fans would gripe that three-hour masterpieces such as "The Best Years of Our Lives," "Schindler's List" or the first two chapters of "The Godfather" are too long. And cinema buffs reveled in the 1989 reconstruction of "Lawrence of Arabia" overseen by Steven Spielberg, which restored David Lean's epic close to its original length of three hours, 40 minutes.

Yet plenty of critics, studio bosses, theater owners, filmgoers and filmmakers themselves think too many movies run too long.

Some critics thought Martin Scorsese's "Gangs of New York" or Robert De Niro's "The Good Shepherd" — both clocking in at about two hours, 40 minutes — would have been greatly improved at closer to two hours. But who's going to tell Scorsese or De Niro to chop 30 minutes?

Five of the 10 best-picture Academy Awards nominees the last two years have run around two and a half

### LENGTHY FLICKS

Epic productions such as "The Departed" and "The Good Shepherd" are not unusual in Hollywood.

MOVIE	YEAR	RUN TIME
Gone with the Wind	1939	222 min.
Ben-Hur	1959	212 min.
LOTR: The Return of the King	2003	201 min.
Schindler's List	1959	195 min.
Titanic	1997	194 min.
The Good Shepherd	2006	167 min.
The Departed	2006	151 min.

SOURCE: AP

to three hours, among them Scorsese's Oscar champ "The Departed."

But general Hollywood wisdom is that it's bad business to let a movie run on at the mouth because it limits the number of screenings that theaters can fit in each day, potentially undermining a film's profits.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



# Entertainment | Weekend

## Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

### FRIDAY

We're having some internal debate as to which is a worse fate to befall an up-and-coming band: having all of its equipment stolen or having to change its name. Forced to choose, we're leaning toward the stolen equipment. But **ROOFWALKERS** — formerly **PAGODA** — experienced the other bummer. Thurston Moore, who more than anyone else in the music world has always looked out for the little man, now has to look out for his own interest. And that interest is a New York band called Pagoda, signed to Moore's Ecstatic Peace record label. In any case, it's time to start anew for Roofwalkers, and tonight's show at the Warehouse Next Door is the first under its new moniker. But the group is still your best bet in the area for getting that soothing, Yo La Tengo/Galaxie 500 indie-rock fix.

### SATURDAY

Does it say something about the local music scene that Car Park Records is based in D.C., yet has a roster full of bands from Baltimore? Maybe. The weirdo quotient is a bit higher up I-95 than it is in our nation's capital, and that seems to be the sound the label is going for. The label has a showcase tonight at the Warehouse Next Door, with an impressive lineup headlined by indie-folk group **BEACH HOUSE**, which really isn't that weird at all. The Baltimore duo emerged from obscurity, thanks to a glowing review on Pitchfork, but the praise is well-deserved. The songs on the group's self-titled debut definitely hit on a certain mood — lost, lonely, languid, other words that start with "L" — but the album is more than a mood piece, thanks to solid songwriting and singer Victoria Legrand's enchanting voice. **DAN DEACON** certainly fits the weirdo bill more than Beach House. He sings or yelps or screeches over mostly electro beats, but this isn't "outsider" music. It may seem haphazardly thrown together, but it's just some mighty fine, slightly brain-damaged pop music. A couple of more spastic



**SEASHELLS BY THE SEASHORE:** Beach House's folktronica hits D.C. for two shows.

bands — **WZT HEARTS** and **PONYTAIL** — round out the excellent bill.

Back when we were all too young to go to clubs, **CHARLES FEELGOOD** was throwing warehouse parties with Scott Henry, spinning classic funky house music for growing crowds. By launching Fever, a weekly event that featured everyone from Carl Cox to Derrick Carter, Feelgood and Henry put the Baltimore and D.C. electronic music scene on the map in the early '90s. Fever ended in 2001, and Feelgood's no longer holding down a weekly spot in the area, as he's much in demand from New York to L.A., so any chance to catch him is welcome. It's doubly sweet tonight, as he's marking the release of his new two-CD Charm City Hustle mix set with a



**CHARM CITY FIRE:** Charles Feelgood burns dance floors with house music.

late night at Five — doors open at 9 p.m. and the music goes until 5 a.m. It's \$10 at the door, but e-mailing vip@funkyhousemusic.com will get you in for free before midnight.

### SUNDAY

For obvious reasons, Sunday isn't always the greatest night to go out. So, what kind of show works best on a Sunday? Do you want hard rocking bands that will break you out of your dreading-the-upcoming-work-week doldrums? Or do you prefer quieter bands that will gently take you through the last hours of the weekend? If you chose the latter, then the Black Cat has just the show for you tonight. The aforementioned Beach House makes it a double dose of D.C. and kicks things off before giving way to San Francisco indie-folk act **PAPERCUTS**. It's excellent recent album "Can't Go Back" was released on the label run by freak-folk kingpins Devendra Banhart and Andy Cabic (Vetiver), and Papercuts' main man, Jason Quever, borrows from both, using the double-tracked vocals that were ubiquitous on Banhart's early albums and the laid-back, country-folk shuffle that Vetiver does so well. By the time headliner Grizzly Bear hit the stage to play the dreamy psych-folk it does so well, those couches at the back of the club could look mighty enticing.

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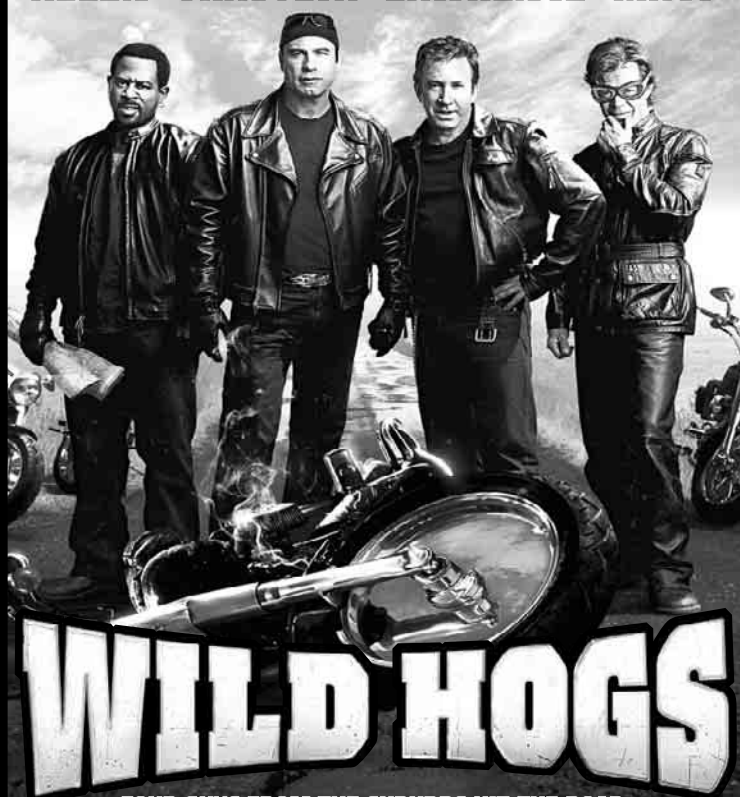
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**SPY GAME:** Ryan Phillippe and Chris Cooper in "Breach," a superb film about the real-life manhunt for FBI mole Robert Hanssen.

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**THE ABANDONED** (R, 95 minutes) A young woman relives a series of horrifying events after she inherits a house that has been neglected for decades.

**AMAZING GRACE** (PG, 117 minutes) This film follows the resolute efforts of 18th-century British politician William Wilberforce (Ioan Gruffudd) to persuade Parliament to pass a bill renouncing slavery. The movie chronicles Wilberforce's many obstacles along the way, including a resistant political body, a war with the French and Wilberforce's ill health in his later years. The film also follows the equally uneven trajectory of Wilberforce's long friendship with William Pitt the Younger (Benedict Cumberbatch), who became British prime minister and worked to help him in his mission. Unfortunately, this movie is about as bloodless and matter-of-fact as the above description. Even the scenes that show Wilberforce's heated exchanges with politicians in Parliament have the dull imprimatur of a historical docudrama. (DN)

**THE ASTRONAUT FARMER** (PG, 105 minutes) Billy Bob Thornton, whose relaxed assurance can boost even the hokiest of roles, plays Charles Farmer, an aspiring astronaut who had to jettison his career because of a family crisis. But in the years since, he has been running a farm, rather ineptly, in Texas and dreaming of making

it into space. As for the rocket, well, who needs Houston? He has been building one in the barn. Sure, it's the corniest of conceits, but "Astronaut" taps delightfully into one of our deepest cultural values: the one about the pursuit of happiness. And the movie's unpretentious lightheartedness, which echoes the old-fashioned, corn-fed lore of Frank Capra, makes it blissfully easy to sign on for this good-natured voyage. (DT)

**BABEL** (R, 142 minutes) Director Alejandro González Iñárritu and writer Guillermo Arriaga tell multiple stories in multiple locations around the globe. Each tale is completely compelling on its own, and Iñárritu also proves superb at working with amateur actors. Yet as sophisticated a piece of filmmaking as it is, it seems hamstrung by the banality at its center and it never assembles into a satisfying whole. (SH)

**BECAUSE I SAID SO** (PG-13, 102 minutes) Daphne Wilder (Diane Keaton) is an almost-60-year-old mother of three grown daughters, the youngest of whom (Mandy Moore) she's desperately trying to marry off. Daphne is the embodiment of toxic parenting, her enmeshment in her children's lives so neurotic that she seems more like a stalker than a mother. And what the filmmakers try to play for laughs—a mom and her daughters chatting about orgasms while shoe shopping—isn't funny. It's creepy. (AH)

**BLOOD DIAMOND** (R, 125 minutes) Pounding action, pulse-quickening adventure and of-the-moment politics animate this mostly great thriller starring Leonardo DiCaprio. He plays a smuggler named who finds himself a mercenary mid-

dleman between rebels in Sierra Leone and European diamond merchants. Things get out of hand during the last half-hour, but the movie is a gem. (AH)

**BREACH** (PG-13, 110 minutes) This film examines in microscopic detail the endgame of the manhunt for FBI mole Robert Hanssen, who pleaded guilty in 2001 to spying for Russia. The FBI had the goods, but they needed one more piece of evidence. So they sent in a young man named Eric O'Neill to both assist and spy on Hanssen's computer operation. The story is told from O'Neill's point of view; thus we never see any of Hanssen's espionage activities or his flamboyant involvement with a Washington stripper. We simply see the young man struggling with his own conscience as he tries to reconcile a hardworking, dedicated boss with the image of a psychopathic traitor that other superiors have shown him. The acting is superb, particularly from the three principals: Ryan Phillippe as O'Neill, Chris Cooper as Hanssen and the great Laura Linney as Kate Burroughs, O'Neill's supervisor in the secret operation. (SH)

**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA** (PG, 96 minutes) This beloved children's book has not just survived but thrived in its adaptation to the screen, its delicate combination of coming-of-age angst, tragedy and fantasy handled with assurance and taste by first-time live-action director Gabor Csupo. Two wonderful young actors inhabit the story's main characters: Josh Hutcherson plays the shy, sensitive Jess, who is just entering fifth grade when he meets a new kid named Leslie (AnnaSophia Robb), a perky oddball who



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wears socks on her arms. Neglected at home and bullied at school, they find an isolated forest and dub it Terabithia, an imaginary land where they enjoy supreme power from their castle of a treehouse. Audiences should be prepared for a major tragedy that strikes in the third act; the film winds up being a lesson, not just in love but in loss. But mostly the former, as Jess experiences for the first time that true love means building a world together. (AH)

**CASINO ROYALE** (PG-13, 140 minutes) Reinventing James Bond as a kind of Navy SEAL with an attitude problem, this movie turns out to be cracking good entertainment. Daniel Craig kicks major maximus as a Bond who'd never use a computer where a punch will do. And he is seemingly the first Bond to actually bleed. Half an hour too long and with too many villains, the movie nevertheless proves you seldom go wrong if you make a movie that leaves you stirred, not shaken. (SH)

**CHARLOTTE'S WEB** (G, 98 minutes) E.B. White's children's book starring Wilbur the curly-tailed runt, his human friend, Fern and spider Charlotte has been charming kids into bed forever. Those kids and their children can rest assured that the movie shares their reverence. The performers, at times, sound as if they're doing a casual read-through before the actual show — but their relaxed spirit is subtly satisfying. (PT)

**CHILDREN OF MEN** (R, 106 minutes) This audacious, sweeping, sobering and exhilarating film stars Clive Owen as a bureaucrat in 2027 London, the last outpost of the closest thing to civilization in a world gripped by pandemic infertility and a worldwide immigration crisis. When Owen's character, Theo, is pulled back

into his activist past by his former lover, he embarks on an epic chase adventure in which the motivation is nothing less than the survival of the human race. (AH)

**DAYS OF GLORY** (R, 120 minutes) What happened to the men of the French Expeditionary Corps, formed in 1943 of the Algerian Infantry Division, the 2nd Moroccan Infantry Division and the 4th Moroccan Mountain Division, is the basis of this French film. These were not native Frenchmen: They lived in far lands of desert and scrub vegetation until an army marched in one day a century earlier and raised a strange three-colored flag and said: This is your destiny. This movie tells their story, and, like many unit tributes from that war, it could be a better movie. But it certainly convinces you of the nobility of the souls of the men whose boots were on the ground and whose bodies went into that same ground. They're heroes, and the French were lucky to have them, even if they seem not to have figured that out yet. (SH)

**THE DEPARTED** (R, 149 minutes) A deranged wit runs through this film, which finds Martin Scorsese up to his same old tricks of exploring an American ethnic subculture with frequent detours into carnage and mayhem. Scorsese plumbs the colorful depths of the Irish mob in Boston. The movie crackles right along, stopping only for Scorsese's signature bursts of explosive violence. (AH)

**DREAMGIRLS** (PG-13, 131 minutes) "Dreamgirls" arrives with more than its share of baggage; the hit Broadway musical, which opened in 1981, is such a cherished icon that it's taken 25 years for it to be made into a movie. But even with Jennifer Hudson's triumphant arrival and an overall fizzy mood of singing, dancing, pop nostalgia and camp, "Dreamgirls" is an uneven crowd pleaser. (AH)

**ERAGON** (PG, 99 minutes) In the gorgeous middle earth that is Alagaesia, the evil Galbatorix (John Malkovich)



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has destroyed all the dragon riders and taken over. Meanwhile, a young beauty played dimly by Sienna Guillory escapes from his castle with the last dragon egg, which, though she is pursued by evil shade Durza (Robert Carlyle), she manages to deliver to farm boy-archer Eragon, fated to be the new dragon rider. The little beast is born, and soon enough, it's as big as a locomotive, and fallen hero Brom (Jeremy Irons) shows up to teach the kid the ropes and let him lead the revolution against Galbatorix. After the bad acting by the slumming great actors, the next best thing in the picture is the dragon. The thing itself is a terrific illusion, and the technical team manages to really sell the idea of flight. Too bad the acting is so lame, the story so derivative and the thing so long. (SH)

**GHOST RIDER** (PG-13, 105 minutes) Nicolas Cage plays Johnny Blaze, a stunt jock who makes a nice living punching his bike so hard off a ramp it leaps not tall buildings but rows and rows of trucks and even helicopters. He's a second-generation, having learned the flying trade from his dad, who one day tried to fly too far and

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**THE GOOD SHEPHERD** (R, 157 minutes) Edward Wilson (Matt Damon) is from one of those old families — the ones that knew everybody, got the best jobs and knew which wine went with which course. The thrust of the film is his journey to becoming a Central Intelligence Agency player of the '60s, but his investigation stops to wander through history, tracking what may be Edward's growth or his damnation. The movie is serious adult movie-making from director Robert De Niro, a

man deeply interested in the art, craft and psychology of espionage. (SH)

**HANNIBAL RISING** (R, 121 minutes) This film is a prequel of sorts, about how the killer Hannibal Lecter ("The Silence of the Lambs") came to be. Novelist and screenwriter Thomas Harris cobbles together a theory that blends equal parts nature and nurture. In the book, he was able to make a point that Hannibal was the scion of a warrior-rich Lithuanian aristocratic family that was sheared down by shrapnel in World War II, orphaning the child and his younger sister. Soon some scummy lads arrive, battlefield parasites who loot, torture and — after the arrival of heavy snow — eat. Hannibal (Aaron Thomas plays the child) survives; his sister, Mischa (Helena Lia Tachovska), does not. He then decides upon a life's work: They ate her, so I shall eat them! The movie streamlines all that, as it does much of the rest of Harris's book. It's a shame, because it results in the movie's fundamental flaw — the one-dimensionality of Hannibal. Hannibal is a pure killing machine, and one never senses a struggle in him between the dark and the light. (SH)

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named Mumble is going to, well, flip. The movie's terrific songs are a warm cushion of welcome. (DT)

**THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND** (R, 121 minutes) This film concerns the flamboyant African despot Idi Amin, said to have been responsible for the murder of 300,000 of his fellow Ugandans during the '70s. The movie uses a fictional device to get up close and personal, but Amin, representing a human extreme, is so much more interesting than his witness, a young Scottish doctor. (SH)

**LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA** (R, 140 minutes) Clint Eastwood's film starts and stops on "Sulphur Island," where on Feb. 19, 1945, two divisions of Marines came ashore in what would be one of the bloodiest battles of the war. Like his "Flags of Our Fathers," it isn't really a history of a battle. In the last half-hour, the story, loses its way; lacking any clear-cut goals except survival, the film becomes repetitive. It's a necessary movie; too bad it's not a great movie. (SH)

**LITTLE CHILDREN** (R, 130 minutes) In this movie, the arrival of a convicted child molester in East Wyndam, Mass., triggers outrage throughout the community. But Ronnie the pedophile (Jackie Earle Haley) is practically one of the good guys. The film is a hugely absorbing social drama that is, by turns, excruciating, sad and sardonic. (DT)

**THE LIVES OF OTHERS** (R, 137 minutes) This German movie begins in 1984, when the secret police, or Stasi, routinely bugged, tailed and intimidated its citizens. Plotted as tautly as a cop procedural but playing more like a modern allegory, this film personalizes its Orwellian world through the eyes of Gerd Wiesler (Ulrich Muehe), a frosty Stasi officer. What's immediately clear, beyond the psychological brutalizing of his victims, is Gerd's faith in the system. Gerd's ideology is soon tested when he's dispatched to wiretap and investigate Georg Dreyman (Sebastian Koch), a playwright whose pro-worker dramas have made him the talk of East Berlin. The more Gerd uncovers about Georg, the more he questions the purpose of this mission. To watch this film is not just to enjoy a fabulously constructed timepiece; it's to appreciate a deft cautionary tale. (DT)

**MUSIC AND LYRICS** (PG-13, 100 minutes) The setup of this movie is cleverly simple. Hugh Grant, as one Alex Fletcher, is one-half of a pop group of '80s fame, the unsuccessful half. Enter cute Sophie Fisher (Drew Barrymore). She's here to

water the plants, here being his apartment, while he is in turmoil with a snarky young lyricist. The issue is that Alex has been asked by a New Age pop sensation to come up with a song for her video; it could be his ticket back to the bigs, but he has to do it by Friday, and working with this rude kid doesn't seem to be getting anyone anywhere. So why is the girl watering the plants coming up with better lines? Soon an extremely awkward partnership is born. Yes, Sophie and Alex fall in love, and each of the performers has an undeniable adorability factor, but most of the issues are professional. I don't think the ending is up to the rest of the movie, but Grant and Barrymore are great together, and the movie has both zing and song. (SH)

**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM** (PG, 108 minutes) Ben Stiller plays Larry Daley, a divorced dad who finds work at New York's Museum of Natural History. At



**NOT THE MAGIC NUMBER:** "The Number 23," Jim Carrey's latest mess of a motion picture, wants to be all mysterious and weird, but it's nothing more than tedious.

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night, all the stuffed animals, dioramas and mannequins come to life and run amok. The plot thickens, but the movie is mostly all about those eye-popping scenes of lions, zebras, Civil War soldiers and Sacagawea committing sundry acts of mayhem and mischief. (AH)

**NORBIT** (PG-13, 102 minutes) This movie, which follows the misery of the title character (Eddie Murphy), a nerd who's caught between his abusive, extremely rotund wife, Rasputia (Murphy in big mode), and his beloved childhood sweetheart, Kate (Thandie Newton), does have its moments, most of them slapstick. There certainly is something funny — on whatever primitive level — about Rasputia speeding down a waterslide and breaking infrastructure upon her landing. And it's hard not to respond to Rasputia's flipping up a roll of tummy fat to prove to the pool attendant that she's wearing a

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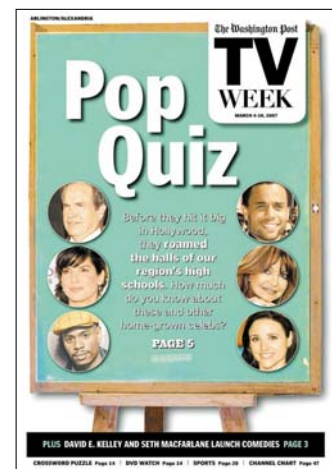
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swimsuit bottom. As Mr. Wong, Norbit's adoptive Chinese father, Murphy certainly tests the boundaries of political correctness. Even in the permissive environment of an Eddie Murphy comedy, it feels wrong and jarring. This movie isn't one of Murphy's best, a poor cousin to his other family comedies, and as Rasputia, whose catchphrase is a brassy "how you doin'?", he's surprisingly unfunny. (DT)

**NOTES ON A SCANDAL** (R, 98 minutes) Judi Dench plays Ms. Covett, a salty old pro teaching at an English middle school, and she noted poor Sheba Hart (Cate Blanchett), the new art teacher, back when she came to the young teacher's rescue as misbehavior threatened to turn her class into anarchy. We watch what we think will unspool as a touching story of human weakness as told from a sympathetic viewpoint, but we soon realize that cheesy uplift is not on the menu. (SH)

**THE NUMBER 23** (R, 95 minutes) Jim Carrey plays a dogcatcher named Walter Sparrow. The setting is a small California town. His wife, Agatha (Virginia Madsen),

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spies a red volume called "The Number 23" in a secondhand bookstore and buys it for him. Hoo-hah, then the acting really begins. It seems that the book's author is doing riffs on the strange melodies concealed within the bland confines of the number that starts with 2 and ends with 3 and has nothing in between. Somehow, the book leads Carrey's Sparrow to the murder, 13 years earlier, of a young woman by her professor. On the 23rd of February! Who killed the girl? Who wrote the book? Why does Walter now get all goober-skinned when his hands caress the handles of the various butcher knives all over the set? Oy. As Sam Goldwyn said: Include me out. (SH)

**PAN'S LABYRINTH** (R, 112 minutes) It's 1944, the fascists have just won Spain's civil war and a girl named Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) is traveling with her mother, Carmen (Ariadna Gil), to live with her new stepfather, a Nationalist army captain named Vidal (Sergi López). When Ofelia arrives at her new home, it becomes clear she matters little to Vidal. Ofelia increasingly takes refuge in a richly imagined fantasy life, one that eventually leads her to a faun living in the titular labyrinth on the house's property. With this film, director Guillermo del Toro seems to have created his manifesto, a tour de force of cautionary zeal, humanism and magic. (AH)

**THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS** (PG-13, 117 minutes) This movie is the biography of a real guy named Christopher Gardner, whom Will Smith, charming and bright, embodies to the fingertips. He is a salesman who ends up on the streets — with his son. The movie is almost devised like a rat-in-maze experiment. Every few minutes, some new obstacle comes up for Chris, at which point the film stands back and watches him improvise. (SH)

**THE QUEEN** (PG-13, 99 minutes) England's constitutional irony is the chilly but entertaining subtext of Stephen Frears' tragicomedy. The crisis begins in late August 1997, when Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) learns of Princess Diana's death. Mirren's finely calibrated performance reveals a complex woman coping with a bewildering world. (DT)

**RENO 911! MIAMI** (R, 84 minutes) It's an American pastime to watch the law pursue the hapless, toothless or pantsless. "Cops" knows this. The Comedy Central show "Reno 911!" knows this, too, and now it's a feature-length movie that aspires to do the same. In the film, the Reno Sheriff's Department is taken out of Nevada and plopped in Miami for a law

enforcement convention, where the Reno deputies are fish out of water next to the dapper, disciplined squads from other cities. Compared with the TV series, yes, it's a compromise. In a single film there is less chance to get to know the characters, whose tics, prejudices and inanities require more than 84 minutes divided among eight talented actors, who must ration their mugging and face time to keep the movie rolling. But it will suffice for fans hungry for new material and tired of waiting for the show's fourth season to end or the fifth to start. **DAN ZAK**

**ROCKY BALBOA** (PG, 102 minutes) There's Sylvester Stallone again, sucking down raw eggs and pounding sides of beef to



**CROP DUSTER:** Billy Bob Thornton is king of the world in "The Astronaut Farmer."

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train for another prime-time bout. His opponent this time: heavyweight champ and insufferable braggart Mason "The Line" Dixon (Antonio Tarver). This critic found himself sitting there rooting for this movie to work, and sentimentality won by a knockout. It feels like the first fight all over again, and suddenly a silly little movie built entirely on classic hokum seems to matter. Not just because it's one last roundhouse punch at the world of digital zeros and ones. Not just because it's another underdog story. It matters because this boxer taps into something deeper in our collective souls than the desire for entertainment. It's the hope

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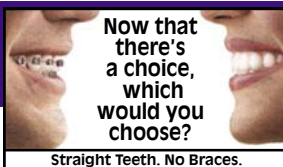
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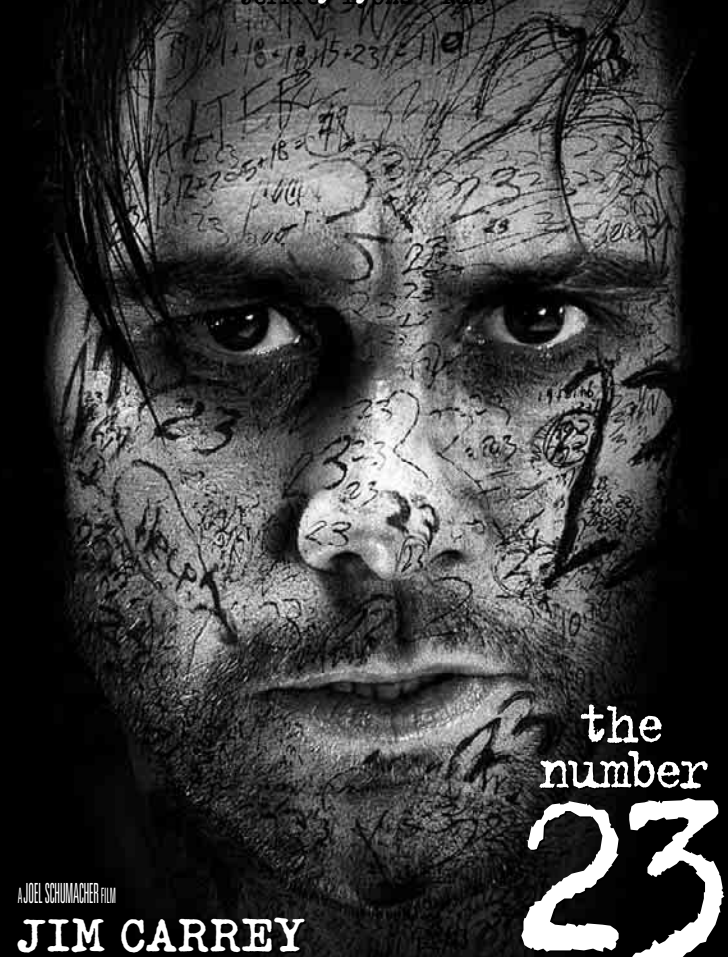


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**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** / 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40  
**BREACH (PG13)** 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00  
**TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13)** 7:00, 9:30  
**NORBIT (PG13)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50

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**BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R)** / 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 10:25

**AMC MAZZA GALLERIE**  
 Jenifer and Wisconsin  
 202-537-9553

**WILD HOGS (PG13)** / 12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50  
**ZODIAC (R)** / 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** / 12:05, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:30, 10:35  
**BREACH (PG13)** 12:25, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40  
**BREACH (PG13)** [C] [C] 12:25, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00  
**MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13)** 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45

**AMC SELECT**

**BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R)** / 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30

### LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.  
202-342-6441

**WILD HOGS (PG13)** / 12:00, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 10:00  
**ZODIAC (R)** / 12:05, 12:45, 3:15, 4:15, 6:45, 7:45, 10:15, 11:15  
**THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG)** / 12:00, 4:55, 10:10  
**THE NUMBER 23 (R)** / 12:50, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** / 12:40, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** [C] / 12:40, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55  
**BREACH (PG13)** 12:00, 1:30, 2:35, 4:10, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35  
**MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13)** 12:05, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 10:05  
**TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13)** 2:30, 7:25  
**NORBIT (PG13)** 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40

**AMC SELECT**

**BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R)** / 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25  
**AMAZING GRACE (PG)** 12:00, 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35  
**PAN'S LABYRINTH (R)** 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30

### LOEWS LEXINGTON PARK 6

21882 FDR Boulevard  
301-862-5000

**WILD HOGS (PG13)** 2:20, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20  
**ZODIAC (R)** 2:45, 6:30, 9:50  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** 2:10, 4:05, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35  
**NORBIT (PG13)** 1:50, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00

### AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886  
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**WILD HOGS (PG13)** / (10:15, 11:45 @ \$5), 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:50, 10:50  
**ZODIAC (R)** / (11:15 @ \$5), 12:00, 2:45, 3:30, 6:15, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30  
**THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG)** / (11:25 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15  
**THE NUMBER 23 (R)** / (10:10 @ \$5), 12:30, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:35  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** / (10:20 @ \$5), 12:25, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20  
**BREACH (PG13)** (11:10 @ \$5), 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** (11:00 @ \$5), 12:05, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 9:00  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** [C] (11:00 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** (10:25, 11:30 @ \$5), 1:10, 2:10, 4:05, 5:05, 7:05, 8:05, 9:55, 10:55  
**MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13)** (11:50 @ \$5), 2:20, 4:50, 7:35, 10:25  
**TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13)** (10:30 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45  
**HANNIBAL RISING (R)** 9:40 PM  
**NORBIT (PG13)** (11:05 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 7:40, 9:10, 10:10  
**BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13)** (10:55 @ \$5), 1:35, 4:15, 6:55

**AMC SELECT**

**BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R)** / (11:20 @ \$5), 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:40  
**AMAZING GRACE (PG)** / (10:50 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

### AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway  
410-423-0520

**FULL OF IT (PG13)** (10:30 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30  
**WILD HOGS (PG13)** (11:40 @ \$5), 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20  
**ZODIAC (R)** (11:30 @ \$5), 3:00, 6:30, 10:00  
**THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG)** (11:10 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:10, 6:40  
**THE NUMBER 23 (R)** (10:55 @ \$5), 1:20, 3:50, 6:10, 8:40, 11:05  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 6:50, 9:00, 11:10  
**BREACH (PG13)** (10:35 @ \$5), 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** (11:20 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** (11:50 @ \$5), 2:40, 5:25, 8:10, 10:55  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** [C] (11:50 @ \$5), 2:40, 5:25, 8:10, 10:55  
**MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13)** (10:25 @ \$5), 12:55, 3:25, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00  
**TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13)** (10:50 @ \$5), 1:10, 3:35, 5:55, 8:20, 10:40  
**HANNIBAL RISING (R)** 9:10 PM  
**NORBIT (PG13)** (11:15 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50  
**BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13)** 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25

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**BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R)** (10:40 @ \$5), 2:25, 5:10, 8:00, 10:50

**LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8**  
 8065 Leesburg Pike  
 703-506-9857 802

**HANNIBAL RISING (R)** 1:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:35  
**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG)** 12:20, 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40  
**BLOOD DIAMOND (R)** 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:05  
**DESA MUDURU (PG)** 12:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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**AMAZING GRACE (PG)** 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:50, 10:20  
**BABEL (R)** 2:10, 7:20  
**THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R)** 1:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10  
**PAN'S LABYRINTH (R)** 12:10, 2:45, 5:10, 8:00, 10:30  
**THE QUEEN (PG13)** 12:00, 5:00, 10:15

### MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo  
301-324-4220

**WILD HOGS (PG13)** 12:25, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25  
**ZODIAC (R)** 12:00, 3:15, 6:35, 10:00  
**THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG)** 1:30, 4:00  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 8:10, 10:30  
**BREACH (PG13)** 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:00, 9:35  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50  
**TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13)** 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45  
**HANNIBAL RISING (R)** 6:30, 9:30  
**NORBIT (PG13)** 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15

**AMC SELECT**

**BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R)** 1:20, 3:50, 6:50, 9:55

**LOEWS DUPONT 5**  
 1350 19th St.  
 1-800-FANDANGO #711

**THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG)** 1:30  
**BREACH (PG13)** 1:45, 4:45, 7:50, 10:10  
**MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13)** 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:15

**AMC SELECT**

**BABEL (R)** 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
**KETTLE OF FISH (R)** 1:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45  
**LITTLE CHILDREN (R)** 4:15, 7:30, 10:20

### LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
1-800-FANDANGO #713

**WILD HOGS (PG13)** 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

### AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center  
703-998-4262

**WILD HOGS (PG13)** / (10:10, 11:25 @ \$6), 12:40, 1:55, 3:10, 4:30, 5:50, 7:15, 8:30, 9:50, 11:00, 12:15  
**ZODIAC (R)** / (10:30 @ \$6), 12:10, 1:50, 3:35, 5:20, 7:00, 8:45, 10:30, 12:10  
**THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG)** / (10:45 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:05, 7:05, 9:35, 12:05  
**THE NUMBER 23 (R)** / (10:15 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:15, 5:35, 8:05, 10:25  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** / (10:05 @ \$6), 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:50, 10:05, 12:15  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** [C] [C] / (10:05 @ \$6), 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:50, 10:05, 12:15  
**BREACH (PG13)** (11:00 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00, 12:25  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** (10:00 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** (10:50 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45, 12:20  
**MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13)** (10:00 @ \$6), 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 10:50  
**TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13)** (10:25 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35  
**NORBIT (PG13)** (10:20 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45  
**BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13)** (10:40 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:30, 5:55, 8:25, 10:55

**AMC SELECT**

**BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R)** / (10:55 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20  
**DREAMGIRLS (PG13)** (10:35 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:25, 7:40, 10:40

### AMC RIVERTOWNE 12

Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.  
703-998-4AMC

**WILD HOGS (PG13)** / 4:40, 7:40, 10:40  
**ZODIAC (R)** / 3:30, 6:45, 10:10  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** / 5:15, 8:05, 10:15  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** 4:10, 7:10, 9:50  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** 5:00, 7:50, 10:30  
**TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13)** 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45  
**NORBIT (PG13)** 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30  
**STOMP THE YARD (PG13)** (10:35 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:25, 7:40, 10:40

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**BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R)** / 4:35, 7:45, 10:45  
**DREAMGIRLS (PG13)** 6:45, 10:00

### AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.  
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**WILD HOGS (PG13)** / 12:05, 12:50, 2:15, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20  
**ZODIAC (R)** / 12:10, 1:10, 3:20, 4:20, 6:40, 7:40, 10:00  
**BREACH (PG13)** 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50  
**MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13)** 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

**AMC SELECT**

**NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R)** 12:30, 4:40, 9:30  
**BABEL (R)** 12:40, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40  
**CHILDREN OF MEN (R)** 2:30, 7:10

### LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph  
703-671-0910 801

**AMAZING GRACE (PG)** 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40  
**THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R)** 1:30, 4:20, 7:50  
**NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R)** 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 9:30  
**VOLVER (R)** 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00  
**THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R)** 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50  
**PAN'S LABYRINTH (R)** 4:10, 9:10  
**VENUS (R)** 1:40, 7:00  
**THE QUEEN (PG13)** 1:20, 3:50, 7:10, 9:20

### AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.  
301-729-6633

**ZODIAC (R)** / 1:00, 6:45, 10:05  
**RENO 911: MIAMI (R)** / 12:40, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:45  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** 12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)** [C] 12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** 12:20, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30  
**HANNIBAL RISING (R)** 1:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15  
**THE MESSENGERS (PG13)** 12:30, 3:30, 10:30  
**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG)** 2:55, 7:50

### LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda  
1-800-FANDANGO #741

**ZODIAC (R)** 3:00, 6:30, 9:50  
**THE NUMBER 23 (R)** 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20  
**BREACH (PG13)** 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 10:05  
**GHOST RIDER (PG13)** 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
**MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13)** 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45

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 5:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30  
**\*BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R)**  
 11:15, 1:00, 2:05, 3:45, 4:45  
 6:45, 7:45, 9:45, 10:45  
**\*ZODIAC (R)**  
 11:00, 12:00, 2:20, 3:20  
 5:40, 6:40, 9:10, 10:10  
**\*THE NUMBER 23 (R)**  
 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20  
**\*RENO 911: MIAMI (R)**  
 11:25, 1:35, 3:50, 6:10, 8:25, 10:40  
**\*AMAZING GRACE (PG)**  
 11:05, 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15  
**\*GHOST RIDER (PG-13)**  
 11:20, 1:15, 2:10, 3:55, 4:50, 6:50, 7:40, 9:35, 10:25  
 Tyler Perry's  
**\*DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13)**  
 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45  
**\*BREACH (PG-13)**  
 11:10, 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50  
**\*THE BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)**  
 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00  
**\*THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG)**  
 11:55, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
**NORBIT (PG-13)**  
 11:30, 1:55, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40  
**\*MUSIC & LYRICS (PG-13)**  
 11:40, 2:25, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05  
**THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R)**  
 12:55, 3:40, 6:55, 9:55  
**DREAMGIRLS (PG-13)**  
 12:15, 3:35, 7:15  
**HANNIBAL RISING (R)**  
 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:10  
**\*THE ABANDONED (R)**  
 10:35 p.m.

### MARLOW 6 THEATRES

Temple Hills, Md. 301-316-1031

**BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R)**  
 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00  
**Tyler Perry's DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13)**  
 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00  
**NORBIT (PG-13)**  
 12:10, 2:15, 4:20, 6:25, 8:30, 10:35  
**WILD HOGS (PG-13)**  
 12:25, 2:25, 4:30, 6:30, 8:35, 10:25  
**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG)**  
 12:45, 2:50, 4:45, 6:45, 8:35, 10:30  
**GHOST RIDER (PG-13)**  
 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

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**AMAZING GRACE (PG)** (I) 2:20, 7:15  
**THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG)** (I) 4



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that one day we're going to win big, too, after everyone has given up on us. It's as hokey as it is true. (DT)

**SMOKIN' ACES** (R, 118 minutes) In a pent-house suite in Lake Tahoe, a somewhat smarmy guy named Buddy "Aces" Israel (Jeremy Piven) has gone to ground while his lawyer is in D.C. huckstering him off to the highest bidder in the law enforcement casino. Buddy knows too much about not only where the bodies are buried but also who turned them into bodies in the first place. Mob bosses realize they have to get him fast, before he clinches the deal and is hustled off to protective custody. Thus, every high-end hit man in the world is contacted and offered a million bucks if he or she can be the one to snuff Buddy; it's kind of like a hit man's Olympics. (SH)

**STOMP THE YARD** (PG-13, 115 minutes) This is really two movies. The first and most forgettable is the old one about a young man finding himself. The young man is a Los Angeles street dancer named DJ, and at college he decides to commit to a team sport, and as an athlete finds the respect, the brotherhood, the emotional completion that has been denied him by circumstance and pathology. He leads the team to the nationals. Ho-hum. But the sport isn't basketball or football: It's stepping. And that's the second movie. If you've never seen it, it's quite a show. (SH)

**TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS** (PG-13, 95 minutes) This movie, written and directed by Tyler Perry, may be strictly mezzo-mezzo as art, but it's wonderful as culture. The romantic melodrama, which stars the hotter-than-hot Idris Elba as a poor mechanic and the equally attractive Gabrielle Union as the rich lawyer who falls in love with him, can be as clunky, obvious and poorly executed as Perry's earlier (and hugely successful) comedies. But what this movie lacks in cinematic sophistication, it makes up for in setting (Atlanta) and characters (working- and middle-class African Americans), which ring consistently and refreshingly true. It may do so awkwardly at times, but the movie tells a story — about aspiration, values and resilience — that deserves to be told in an era of romanticized thugs and playahs. (AH)

**AN UNREASONABLE MAN** (Unrated, 122 minutes) Henriette Mantel and Steve Skrovan's improbably riveting portrait of Ralph Nader, who for millions of Democrats immolated a heroic lega-

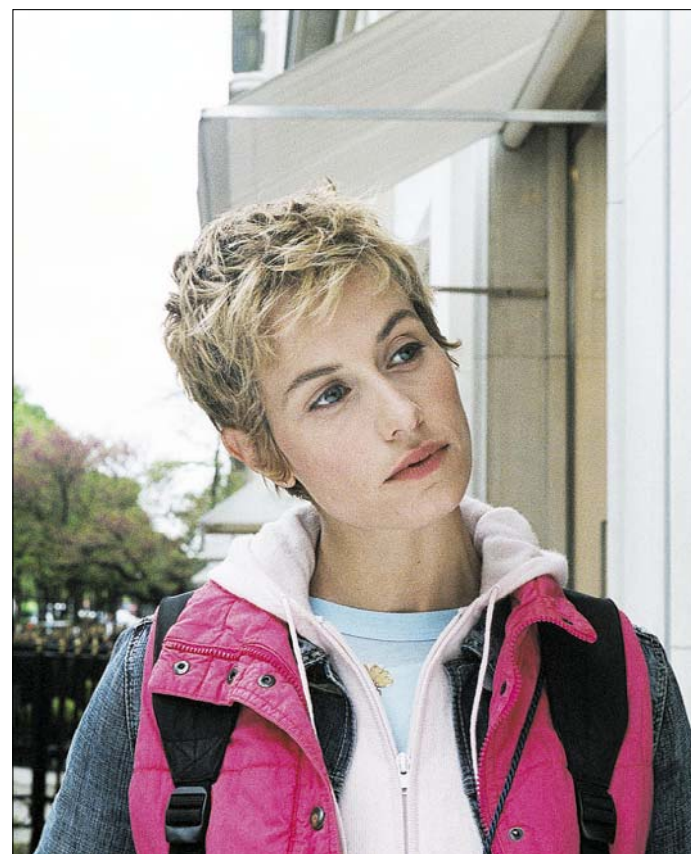
cy of consumer activism and advocacy by running for president in 2000 and, by their lights, contributing to the election of President Bush, tackles that issue head-on and sets up the narrative tension of a film that then doubles back to document Nader's epic battle with General Motors in the 1960s and the juggernaut of consumer consciousness and policy shifts he so effectively piloted thereafter. Using a combination of archival footage and talking heads (former Nader's Raiders, supportive and disgruntled), they also chronicle how Nader came to make that quixotic 2000 run. Nader haters may not be mollified, but this film, like its subject itself, is a one-stop civics lesson no one should miss. (AH)

**VENUS** (R, 91 minutes) Maurice, a veteran stage actor (Peter O'Toole), is about to undergo prostate surgery, which will almost certainly render him impotent. But then he meets Jessie (Jodie Whittaker), a 19-year-old who is sullen and lacking

in sophistication, but Maurice sees her as an unwitting Venus, goddess of love and beauty. Normally, we'd balk at a movie about an 80-year-old man's infatuation with a teenage girl, but this film is an edgily charming meditation about the mysteries of attraction. (DT)

**VOLVER** (R, 121 minutes) Penélope Cruz plays a beleaguered Madrid homemaker at the center of Pedro Almodóvar's warmly seductive movie. She plays Raimunda, an airport cleaner whose quiet heroics take place at home, and she's a subtle revelation. Raimunda's courage is just as compelling as she contends with murder, adultery, incest and beyond-the-grave visits from her mother. (DT)

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## The 'Simple' Life

**A SIMPLE GIRL** from the countryside lands a job at an exclusive café on Paris' Avenue Montaigne. There she encounters TV stars, movie directors, art collectors and musicians, whose lives she affects through her wide-eyed charm. Directed by Daniele Thompson, "Avenue Montaigne" is a wonderful film that captures colorful characters and one of the world's great cities with great tenderness and humor. Cecile de France plays the appealing ingenue Jessica. (EXPRESS)



**WHAT TANGLED WEBS:** Kids' WB! has proclaimed that America's favorite arachnid/hominoid hybrid will be the focus of a Saturday morning cartoon in 2008. The show, which will air on the WB, will present ol' Spidey as a teenager.



# Television

## ON TV THIS WEEKEND

**THIS IS GONNA KNOCK YOU OUT** LL Cool J hosts the **38TH NAACP IMAGE AWARDS** (Fri., 8 p.m., Fox). The honorees include U2 singer and activist Bono, comedian and TV legend Bill Cosby and CNN's Soledad O'Brien.

**WE'LL BE WATCHING 'WINGS'** **MONK** (Fri., 9 p.m., USA) wraps up its fifth season, or as USA calls it, "Season 5.5." Season 6, or rather 6.0, kicks off in summer. This finale features a spirited performance by Charles Durning as a feisty elderly hospital patient who becomes an unlikely murder suspect and Dan Butler as a doctor with mixed motivations.

**STEAL FROM THE ... CLASSICS** The Hood is back, and BBC America has him. Jonas Armstrong, 25, and 19-year-old Lucy Griffiths breathe new vitality into

the roles of Robin and Marian in the 13-episode adaptation of **ROBIN HOOD** (Sat., 9 p.m., BBC America). It takes a stylish reinvention of this story to remind us just how much "Robin Hood" influenced great adventure movies, from classic Westerns to "Star Wars."

**AFTER THE FALL OF ROME** How do you fit 600 years of history into



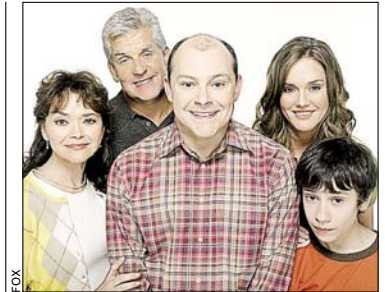
**REDISTRIBUTING WEALTH:** Robin Hood, an early advocate of socialism.

a two-hour documentary? **THE DARK AGES** (Sun., 9 p.m., History) does it one story at a time. Using dramatic reenactments, interviews with experts and period art, "Dark" sheds light on a misunderstood period of political chaos and cultural and scientific stagnation.

**WORLD'S GREATEST COMBO** Rob Corddry stars in the limited-run sitcom **THE WINNER** (Sun., 8:30 p.m., Fox). While the show takes place in 1994, Corddry's character, Glen Abbott, narrates the show from present day, where, we are told, he is known as the richest man in Buffalo, N.Y. But back in '94, he was an unemployed neurotic who lived with his parents. Then Allison (Erinn Hayes) moves next door. The object of Glen's adolescent affections and the subject of decades of daydreams, Allison is newly divorced and a doctor

to boot. Glen bonds with her son, Josh (Keir Gilchrist), an awkward adolescent with phobias and ticks that remind Glen of his own. In a deft combination of "The Wonder Years" and "Rushmore," Glen lives out and relinquishes his perpetual adolescence by becoming the best friend/coach to a real adolescent. The result is funny, but also an odd combination of the endearing and borderline creepy.

**A QUIXOTIC QUEST** Created by director James Cameron ("Titanic"), **THE LOST TOMB OF JESUS** (9 p.m., Sunday, Discovery) shows crypts that some believe may have contained the remains of Jesus, Mary Magdalene and possible offspring. The fact that this discovery dovetails with the shocking plot twist to the potboiler "The Da Vinci Code" should send up some scholarly red flags. Still, Cameron won't be the first Hollywood type to ballyhoo the Bible. Directors from



**WINNER'S CIRCLE:** "The Winner" is the story of a loser's bond with a teenager.

Cecil B. DeMille to Mel Gibson have made a bundle turning the greatest story ever told into the greatest show on Earth. So can you blame "king of the world" Cameron for trifling with the king of kings? Due to the controversial nature of this spectacle, Ted Koppel will host a post-"Tomb" panel discussion (11 p.m.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	1 vs. 100 (iTV) (N) 4		Las Vegas "Junk in the Trunk" (N) 4		Law & Order "Profiteer" 4		News	Tonight Show	
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld 4	The Simpsons 4	The Simpsons 4	Seinfeld 4	The 38th NAACP Image Awards (S Live) 4		News			News	Every-Ramond	
	WJLA 7	News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy 4	(:01) Wife Swap "Baur/Fine" 4	20/20 4			News	(35) Nightline	
	WUSA 9	News	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer "Drowned Lives" 4	Close to Home "Truly, Madly, Deeply"	NUMB3RS "Longshot" 4			News	Late Show	
	WDCA 20	Scrubs 4	Scrubs 4	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy (N) 4	Wicked Wicked Games (N) 4	Watch Over Me A series recap. (N) 4	The Tyra Banks Show 4			Still Standing 4	Still Standing 4	
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW (N) 4	*** "The Rolling Stones Rock and Roll Circus" (1968)	Van Morrison: Live at Montreux '80				
BASIC CABLE	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	Inside Wash.	NOW (N) 4	Edens Lost and Found 4		Edens Lost and Found 4		Charlie Rose (N)	
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley 4	BBC World News	Moneywise	Evening Exch	To the Contrary	History Detectives 4		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley 4	Charlie Rose (N) 4	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends 4	Friends 4	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) 4				Will & Grace 4	Will & Grace 4	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
	A&E	Crossing Jordan "Lost and Found"	CSI: Miami "Rap Sheet" 4	CSI: Miami "MIA/NYC - NonStop" 4	CSI: Miami "Innocent" 4	CSI: Miami "Lost Son" 4	CSI: Miami "Breathless" 4						
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries 4	The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)	Meerkat Manor	Saving Grace	Ms. Adventure "Parenting"	Miami Animal Police Past cases.	The Planet's Funniest Animals 4					
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)	Hotwired (N)	"The MC: Why We Do It" (2005, Documentary) 4	Comicview 4	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx						
BASIC CABLE	Bravo	Grease: You're the One That I Want	Inside the Actors Studio	*** "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986) Matthew Broderick. Premiere. 4	*** "The Brady Bunch Movie" (1995) Shelley Long. Premiere. 4								
	Comedy	** "So I Married an Axe Murderer"	Scrubs 4	Scrubs "My Bad"	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	Chappelle's Show	South Park 4	South Park 4	South Park 4	South Park 4	
	Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops 4	Cops 4	Video Justice (N)	Video Justice	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	The Investigators "Tracing Audrey"	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice		
	Discovery	It Takes a Thief "High Seas" 4	Dirty Jobs Mushroom farming.	Dirty Jobs "Shrimper" Shrimp season.	Lobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea	Lobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea 4	Lobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea 4	Lobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea 4					
	DISCH	Code Blue "Blink of an Eye" 4	Impact: Stories of Survival 4	Critical Hour A man is hit by a car.	Dr. G: Medical Examiner Chest pains.								
	Disney	Life With Derek	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Cory in the House	"Freaky Friday" 4			Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	
	E!	Fashion Police: Academy Awds	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	America's Next Top Model: The E! True Hollywood Story	Supermodels	The Soup (N)	Red Carpet	E! News	The Daily 10			
	FX	King of the Hill 4	King of the Hill 4	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	
	HGTV	Look What I Did!	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me 4	24 Hour Design	Save My Bath	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Parents House	FreeStyle (N)
	Family	7th Heaven "Parents" 4	Smallville "Nicodemus" 4	** "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983) Chevy Chase. Premiere.	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club 4						
	History	Our Generation	Mail Call 4	Modern Marvels: Paving America	Stealth and Beyond: Air Stealth	Mail Call Weapons. (N) 4	Dogfights "Air Ambush" 4	Modern Marvels: Cannons					
	Lifetime	Reba 4	Reba 4	Still Standing 4	Still Standing 4	Reba 4	Reba 4	"Black Widow" (2006, Suspense) Kelly McGillis, David Lipper. 4	Will & Grace 4	Will & Grace 4			
	MTV	Next 4	Next 4	The Real World	The Real World	True Life Financial burdens. 4	Jackass 4	Jackass 4	Bam's Union	Bam's Union	Bam's Union	MTV Unplugged	
	NICK	Ned's School	Fairly OddParents	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Fairly OddParents	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	Full House 4	Growing Pains 4	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Nightwalker" 4	Heroes "Company Man" 4	Special Unit 2 "The Eve" 4	Special Unit 2 "The Eve" 4	Special Unit 2 "The Eve" 4	Special Unit 2 "The Eve" 4	Special Unit 2 "The Eve" 4	Special Unit 2 "The Eve" 4	Special Unit 2 "The Eve" 4	Special Unit 2 "The Eve" 4	Special Unit 2 "The Eve" 4	Special Unit 2 "The Eve" 4
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TBS	Seinfeld 4	Seinfeld 4	Every-Ramond	Every-Ramond	*** "Bandits" (2001) Bruce Willis. A neglected wife hooks up with two quirky bank robbers. 4	(:40) *** "Eraser" (1996) (PA) Arnold Schwarzenegger.							
TLC	Moving Up 4	Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef	Party Fools	What Not to Wear "Laurie T." 4	What Not to Wear "Christina C."	What Not to Wear "Laurie T." 4						
TNT	Law & Order "Prejudice" 4	Law & Order "C.O.D." 4 (DVS)	*** "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004) Matt Damon. Premiere. 4	*** "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004) Matt Damon. Premiere. 4	*** "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004) Matt Damon. Premiere. 4	*** "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004) Matt Damon. Premiere. 4	*** "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004) Matt Damon. Premiere. 4						
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SPAN	TELEM	Daniela	Noti-Telemndo	Viuda de Blanco	Marina	Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa	Decisiones de Famosos	Noti-Telemndo	Titulares y Mas				
	UNIV	Que Locura	Noticiero Univ	Duelo de Pasiones	La Fea Más Bella (N)	Mundo de Fieras (N)	Casos de la Vida Real	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.				
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) 4	NBA Shootaround	NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Miami Heat. From the American Airlines Arena in Miami. 4	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Denver Nuggets.								
	ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Chopper Nation	Karate: ISKA	Karate: ISKA	Karate: ISKA	Kickboxing: ISKA	Boxing Friday Night Fights. Nate Campbell vs. Ricky Quiles. (Live) 4	SportsCenter (Live) 4				
	CSN	Knockouts	SportsNite 4	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Washington Wizards. From Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.	Wizards Post.	SportsNite (Live) 4	Gary Williams	Final Score					
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight 4	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now 4	Larry King Live 4	Anderson Cooper 360 4							
	FNC	Special Report (Live) 4	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) 4	Hannity & Colmes (Live) 4	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor						
	MSNBC	Tucker	Hardball 4	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	MSNBC Investigates	MSNBC Investigates	Crime & Punishment 4						
MOVIES	AMC	*** "Children of the Corn" (1984, Horror) Peter Horton, Linda Hamilton. 'R'	*** "Misery" (1990, Horror) James Caan. A psychotic fan holds an injured novelist captive. 'R'	*** "Misery" (1990, Horror) James Caan. 'R'	*** "Misery" (1990, Horror) James Caan. 'R'	*** "Misery" (1990, Horror) James Caan. 'R'	*** "Misery" (1990, Horror) James Caan. 'R'						
	TCM	(5:30) *** "In Cold Blood" (1967, Docudrama) Robert Blake. 'R'	*** "The Elephant Man" (1980, Biography) John Hurt. 'PG' 4	(15) *** "Awakenings" (1990, Drama) Robert De Niro. 'PG-13' 4									
	HBO	** "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" (2005) Sandra Bullock. 4	Rome Atia turns the tables on Servilia. 'Rome "Heroes of the Republic" 4	Rome "Philippi" 4	Real Time With Bill Maher 4								
	MAX	** "Battlefield Earth" (2000, Science Fiction) John Travolta. 4 'PG-13' 4	*** "Running Scared" (2006, Crime Drama) Paul Walker. 4 'R' 4	*** "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) Keanu Reeves. 4 'R' 4									
	SHOW	** "American Gun" (2002) James Coburn. 'R' 4	** "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998) Will Ferrell. 'PG-13'	The L Word "Lexington and Concord"	Penn & Teller	Penn & Teller	Boxing: Edwards vs. Rojas						
	TMC	Winter Solstice	** "Confessions of an American Girl" (2002) 4 'R' 4	*** "What Dreams May Come" (1998) Robin Williams. 4 'PG-13' 4	*** "RV" (2006, Comedy) Robin Williams. 4 'PG' 4	(:40) *** "Ultraviolet" (2006) Milla Jovovich. 'PG-13' 4							
	STARZ!	(5:30) *** "An Unfinished Life" (2005) Robert Redford. (20) *** "Underclassman" (2005) Nick Cannon. 'PG-13'	*** "Encino Man" (1992) Sean Astin. 4 'PG' 4	*** "XXX: State of the Union" (2005) Ice Cube. 'PG-13'	(15) *** "Fire Birds" (1990) 'PG-13'								



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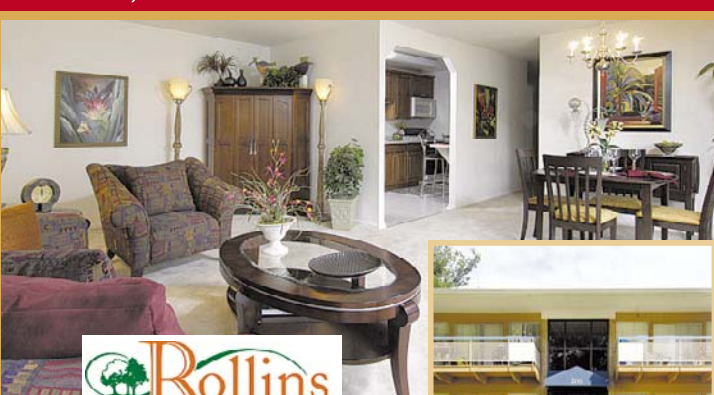
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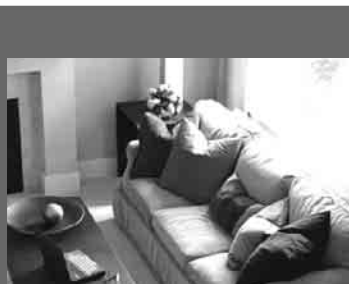
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### Even non-glamorous locations can attract some home swappers

When Nancy Atwater first heard about home exchange programs, she thought it would be a great way to travel. Her only concern: Who would want to vacation in her home in Sperry, Okla.?

The appeal of home exchange vacations — in which people swap homes, and often vehicles and even pets — is basic: free lodging with many of the comforts of home.

It is easy to imagine swapping for a vacation destination — a loft in New York, a pied-a-terre in Paris, a beach house in Florida or a ski condo in Aspen. But what if your hometown does not immediately come to mind when vacations are being planned?

"At first, there was skepticism about who would want to come to Oklahoma, but the answer is all sorts of people," Atwater said. "It's people who realize the U.S. is more than just the East Coast and the West Coast."

Over the years, she and her husband, both retired, have arranged three exchanges through home-swapping Web site HomeLink International. They have gone to

England twice and are planning a trip to Virginia Beach for Easter.

Atwater said they have had many more offers for their home — from people living in Austria, Japan and Paris, to name a few — than they could accommodate because the timing simply did not work out.

Some people are even surprised to learn why people want to swap with them. Kate Blaszk, a stay-at-home mom, said she was "shocked, absolutely shocked" to receive exchange offers from Germany, Great Britain, Switzerland and

the Netherlands for her family's home in Cleveland.

When she and her husband signed up on a swap site in 2004, they thought they might get offers from people looking for a place to stay during brief treatment at the nearby cardiac clinic. Instead, they got an offer from a Dutch family of roller coaster enthusiasts who wanted to try the world-class rides at Cleveland's Cedar Point amusement park.

Sometimes people are not looking for a vacation destination. They are looking to go home — but not all the way home. Atwater said she was contacted by a couple who live

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WHERE THE HEART IS: Nancy Atwater in her Sperry, Okla., home, which she swaps.

ily admits that the Tulsa area is not a top vacation destination, but she also said she and her husband agreed to go to a part of England they had never considered.

"I'm not sure I would ever have chosen Lancaster to go to, but it became a wonderful jumping-off point for us. We went to Wales and Ireland and Scotland," she said.

Graham Brandwood, the owner of the Lancaster home where the Atwaters stayed in the summer of 2003, said he was originally looking for a place in the Rocky Mountains when he was planning a special vacation for his daughters, then 16 and 18, after they had each finished important exams at school.

In the end, though, Brandwood

# Home Treat Home

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NANCY ATWATER, HOME SWAPPER

you live, you're going to get some responses.”

Atwater said openness to different locations is helpful when looking to try a home swap. She read-

said he was happy with the way the vacation ended up. Sperry, he said, is a small town and “not even a very charming one,” but having already visited big American cities like Chicago and New York, he was tickled when he walked into a bank and the teller had never seen a traveler's check before.

“The girls got to see a slice of normal America, the real America,” Brandwood said. “And I think it was better for them.”

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## Expect Blue, Yellow Delays

**METRO** | If you plan to travel to, from or through Alexandria this weekend, be aware that work on Metro's shared Blue and Yellow Line tracks near the Braddock Road station will likely cause significant delays starting at around 10 p.m. Friday.

Blue and Yellow Line trains going between the District and Virginia will terminate at the Reagan National Airport station. South of the airport, the Blue and Yellow lines will be operating in two separate segments:

→ Every 30 minutes, a Blue Line train will operate between the airport and Franconia-Springfield via the King Street, Braddock Road and Van Dorn Street stations.

→ A Yellow Line shuttle train will

operate between the King Street and Huntington stations.

The work is scheduled to wrap up before opening on Monday.

MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

### Stock Market Reaction

**COMMENTS** | For Thursdays Poll Center question, Express gauged readers' response to this week's dramatic drop in stock markets around the world. About 80 percent of respondents said they weren't concerned.

Writes commenter JC: "The fact [is] that the stock market goes down. For me, it's actually the best time to buy. So, it makes me happy. The reality ... is that the stock market will always rise. I don't see the



**WEEKEND WORK:** Blue Line passengers in Virginia can expect half-hour delays.

Great Depression coming back."

JeremieD agreed. "The rise and fall of the stock market is a natural occurrence. ... I don't care what the stock market does today or tomorrow, but I do care how it does over the next 20 to 30 years." M.G.

### → Coming Up Today

Metro General Manager John Catoe will be online today at noon to take questions from commuters. Go to Metro's Web site, [wmata.com](http://wmata.com), and click on Metro LunchTalk Online to participate.

## ? Poll Center

### TODAY'S QUESTION

Which team is more likely to reach the Final Four?

1. Georgetown
2. Maryland

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Does the up-and-down stock market worry you?

**NO**

81%

**YES**

19%

As of 6 p.m. Thursday. Not a scientific poll

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRORAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT [READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP](http://READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP)



"Perhaps they should spend less time pulling over people on Rock Creek and George Washington parkways and more time swinging hammers."

A COMMENTER AT [REMAKINGSLUMHISTORIQUE.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://REMAKINGSLUMHISTORIQUE.BLOGSPOT.COM) ON A NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ESTIMATE THAT IT MIGHT TAKE NINE YEARS TO OPEN THE CARTER G. WOODSON HOUSE ON 9TH STREET NW.

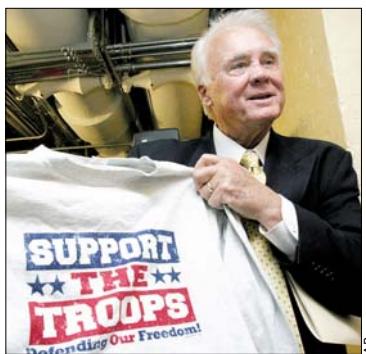
### Penguins Love Pete!

"Pete Doherty is out of control. Somebody needs to find this guy a baby sitter before he eats the world's last bald eagle because he thought it'd be funny."

**THESUPERFICIAL.COM** ON THE BRITISH ROCKER WHO, ACCORDING TO THE (U.K.) SUN NEWSPAPER, GAVE MARIJUANA TO A PENGUIN AT A ZOO. THE ANIMAL ATE HIS JOINT.

"I guess they've been paying attention to the anti-tots rants online."

A **METROCUREAN.COM** COMMENTER ON NEWS RELAYED BY THE LOCAL DINING BLOG THAT 2 AMYS ON MACOMB STREET NW NEAR THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL WILL EXPAND, CREATING MORE ROOM AT THE PIZZA JOINT, POPULAR WITH FAMILIES.



### Yes, Takoma Is in D.C.

"So, how is anyone supposed to know where the zones start and end? Are we supposed to carry map printouts whenever we need a cab to take us across state lines? Should I store the local taxi commission's phone number in my cell for moments like this?"

**ARJEWTINO.BLOGSPOT.COM** HAD A D.C. CAB-BIE CLAIM THAT HE WAS DROPPING HIM OFF IN MARYLAND, WHEN, IN FACT, THE TAKOMA METRO STATION IS INSIDE THE D.C. LINE.

### Walter Reed Neglect on the Hill?

"Young's excuse is pathetic. ... Young could have easily subpoenaed the Army and conducted a thorough ... investigation."

THE BLOG AT THE LEFT-LEANING **THINKPROGRESS.ORG** ON REP. BILL YOUNG, R-FLA., KNOWING OF THE BAD CONDITIONS AT WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, AS DETAILED BY THE WASHINGTON POST. YOUNG SAID WALTER REED OFFICIALS IGNORED HIS CONCERNS.



## Live Online

### Gays in Sports

Ex-NBA player **JOHN AMAECHI** was online Friday to discuss his book, "Man in the Middle," about his struggle to reconcile his sexuality with his life as a pro basketball player.

**Did you find it difficult to interact with your teammates knowing that you were gay? Did you feel like you were hiding a piece of yourself by not allowing them to know about that part of your life?**



I think that while being gay is a significant, important part of me, not knowing I'm gay doesn't shroud the rest of me. I had good relationships with my teammates; I was lucky to have great teammates during my career. Overall, I thought the balance was right.

**From your experience, what would you say is the underlying structure that makes being gay in professional sports difficult?**

I certainly think it's a stereotypical taboo with lots of unfounded fears that need to be overcome. That will happen with education and policy changes. I think one of the points that people are missing is that it's a global issue. It's not about being gay in sports. It's about many, many people in many, many environments that people don't feel comfortable coming out.

**Knowing what you know now, if you could turn back the clock, would you have come out sooner?**

No — I don't think there's any way of saying that. I think that I'm pretty pleased with the way this has worked and the discourse that has opened up, without disrupting my job and my teammates.

**Are you currently in a relationship?**

**If so, how is your significant other responding to your book and the negative remarks being made about you?**

I'm not currently in a relationship — but my family certainly hasn't been that thrilled by the negative comments. But as I keep telling them, the overwhelming number of remarks have been positive and supportive.

# DON'T

**WONDER WHERE THE MOON WENT.** That's right: Saturday is another chance to catch a lunar eclipse. Check out the moon — or lack of moon — from 5:58 p.m. to 6:57 p.m., but first, check out the NASA Eclipse Page ([sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov)) for viewing info.



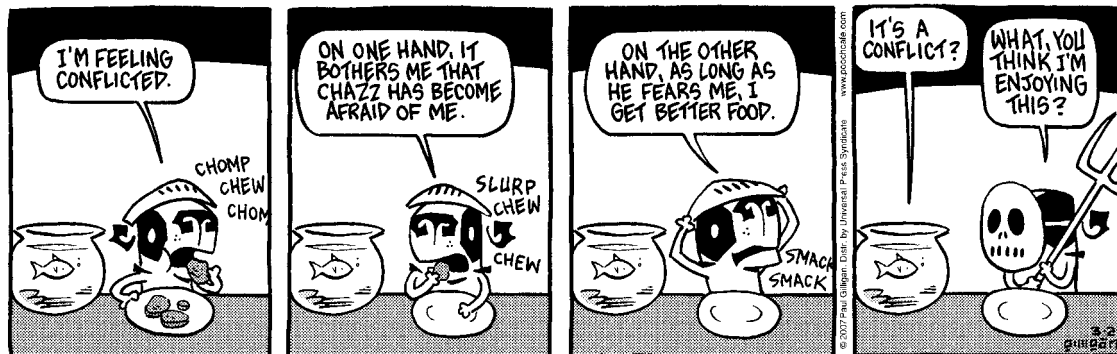
**TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE:** Washington Post staff writer Tarik El-Bashir will discuss the Washington Capitals' prospects at 2 p.m. | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)



**Bizarro** | Dan Piraro

**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin


Bob's timing was off. Even a great act falls flat if you show up the wrong night.

**Pooch Cafe** | Paul Gilligan

**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis

**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy


## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** What ails you may have to be closely examined if you are to be free of it by tomorrow. Take a close, honest look at your way of life.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Even a little overindulgence can be dangerous—and even minor ill effects may take some time to overcome at this time.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You should be able to back out of any uncomfortable situation with little or no loss of resources or any real threat to your reputation.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Now is no time to ignore your own appearance, or to adopt a habit that others might consider negative in its effect. Remain true, upright.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Questionable financial deals and arrangements are not for you. Keep your nose clean and out of anything that may be unsettled, uncertain.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You have a distinct knack for getting yourself into trouble—

simply by saying a little too much a little too soon. Keep eyes and ears open.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** What you can save is not necessarily linked to what you can spend—or vice versa. Financial developments may be unusual in the extreme.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** What was lost is likely to be found—but what is lost may well be long gone. Keep track of things you cannot afford to give up.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Take care you don't let your concerns for someone close to you drive you to cross the line and begin intruding. Respect privacy—no matter what.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** A little reminder here and there never hurt anyone—but you'll have to draw the line when someone begins nagging. You'll know the difference.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You can benefit greatly from a new perspective. Take care you don't lock yourself into a single way of looking at routine affairs.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You can combine function and style with great success, without sacrificing any aspect of either. You'll be watched.

## Letters

### A Call for More Recycling

**I WAS REALLY ANNOYED** when I read the article on "Throw-Away Variety" Tupperware in Wednesday's Express. Has anyone ever heard of recycling? I moved here six years ago, and I have yet to work for a

business that recycles. So, when Marcia Mogelonsky states, "It's not convenient to have to remember to bring your dirty dishes home," it really means she's throwing my plastic in the trash at work. Next time, please promote recycling to those who are either ignorant or most likely couldn't care less about recycling.

—LISA PETERS  
Washington, D.C.

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## Today in History

**1807** Congress outlaws the importing of slaves to the U.S., effective the following year.

**1933** The motion picture "King Kong" has its world premiere in New York.

**1943** The World War II Battle of the Bismarck Sea begins; U.S. and Australian warplanes are able to inflict heavy damage on a Japanese convoy.

**1965** The movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "The Sound



"King Kong" debuted today in 1933.

of Music" has its world premiere at New York's Rivoli Theater.

**1977** The U.S. House of Representatives adopts a strict code of ethics.



# LOOK out People



You have a strange urge to kiss the ring.

## REVELATIONS

### 'Then I Realized I Was Just A Piece of Stunt Casting'

**VINCENT PASTORE** of "The Sopranos" has dropped out of "Dancing With the Stars" after a week of training. "I didn't realize just how physically demanding it would be. Unable to put forth my best effort, I felt it appropriate to step aside and give someone else the opportunity," Pastore said Wednesday. (AP)

## CHEERFUL

### Hmm, Did Somebody Find a Secret Prenup?



**PAUL MCCARTNEY** and Heather Mills McCartney appeared in London's High Court on Thursday for a preliminary hearing in their divorce case. McCartney whistled and snapped his fingers as he left two hours later. (AP)

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DANNY MOLOSHOK/AP

## THANKS FOR THE LAUGHTER

# She Served Us Well

**ANNA NICOLE SMITH** will be buried in a custom-made gown next to her son following an "over the top" memorial service with a tightly controlled guest list. The service, with about 300 guests, will feature many flowers in pink, her favorite color, said friend Patrik Simpson. Her body will be flown to the Bahamas by private plane early Friday and the funeral will take place hours later. (AP)

## NEEDY

### Someone Give This Man a Comeback! Er, Another One!

**BOBBY BROWN** paid \$19,000 in late child support and court fees and was freed after spending three nights in the Norfolk County, Mass., jail. He was arrested while watching his daughter's cheerleading competition. Attorney Phaedra



Clearly, he needs a new reality show.

Parks said Brown's been struggling to make the payments. "Although this agreement was put in place when he was [a] star, this agreement is being enforced when he is not always able to find work," Parks said. "He hasn't made an album in quite some years." (AP)

## STALKERS

### Lately, He's Seen Her More Than He's Seen His Agent

**JEFF GOLDBLUM** has won a permanent restraining order against a woman he claims has stalked him for years and appeared outside his house many



times. Linda Ransom must stay at least 100 yards from the actor, and his home, workplace and car. (AP)

## WOMAN-CHILDREN

### With Baby Coming, Could Rehab Be Close Behind?

Welsh singer **CHARLOTTE CHURCH**, who has performed for President Clinton and Pope John Paul II, announced Thursday that she's pregnant. Speculation began about Church's pregnancy when she was seen avoiding alcohol at her 21st-birthday party. Spotted performing on a TV talent show at 11, Church released her first album, "Voice of an Angel," in 1998. (AP)

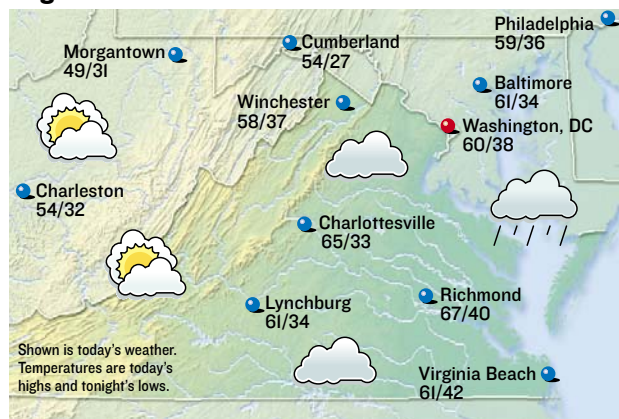


Meet Britney Spears, if she'd had actual singing talent.

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
60°	38°	56° / 32°	47° / 29°	52° / 35°	48° / 31°

## Regional Weather



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## Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

### Temperature

High ..... 51°  
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Normal high ..... 50°  
Normal low ..... 33°  
Average humidity ..... 59%

### Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. .... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.11"  
Year to date ..... 4.68"  
Last year to date ..... 5.71"  
Normal year to date ..... 5.95"

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## Regional Forecast

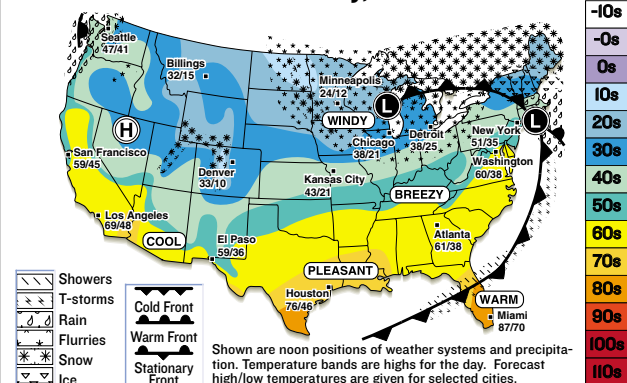
**D.C. Metro:** Today, cloudy, then partly sunny, breezy, mild. High 60. Wind west-northwest 12-25 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 38.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 6:40 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 6:01 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 4:57 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 6:09 a.m.



## National Weather for Friday, March 2



## National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	61/38/s	64/34/pc
Boston	40/32/sn	51/32/c
Chicago	38/21/sn	28/17/sf
Dallas	64/37/s	56/30/pc
Denver	33/10/pc	38/17/s
Honolulu	81/68/s	79/67/s
Los Angeles	69/48/s	76/50/s
Miami	87/70/s	86/69/pc
New York City	51/35/r	53/34/pc
Orlando	81/61/t	67/52/t
Seattle	47/41/r	54/41/c

## World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	46/39/sh	45/39/r
Athens	64/48/pc	66/48/pc
Berlin	41/36/sh	41/32/c
Buenos Aires	73/59/pc	75/59/pc
Calgary	28/16/pc	43/27/c
Dublin	48/39/sh	48/39/sh
Geneva	48/43/sh	50/43/r
Moscow	32/30/sf	35/30/sn
Rome	63/48/sh	64/50/c
Sydney	80/68/pc	83/72/pc
Tokyo	54/46/pc	59/48/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



# LOOK out

## Have a Blast

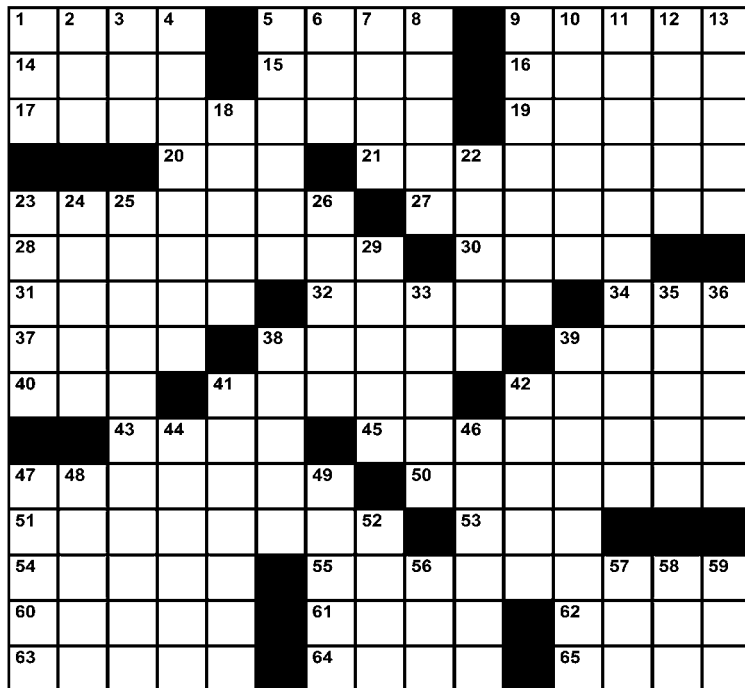
### ACROSS

1 Cookbook instruction  
5 Irritation  
9 Souvenir of the past  
14 \_\_\_\_ of operation  
15 100 centavos  
16 Drama at La Scala  
17 Have a blast!  
19 Web destinations  
20 High, rocky hill  
21 It's found among needles  
23 From head to foot  
27 Room service decanters, e.g.  
28 Italian liqueur  
30 Dirty money  
31 Word in a Hitchcock film title  
32 Stored away  
34 One-time stratospheric streaker  
37 Carpenter and harvester  
38 Actor Leary  
39 Snorkel's pouch  
40 Myrna of "The Thin Man"  
41 Some night sounds  
42 Golf great Sam  
43 Kind of trigger  
45 Broken off, musically  
47 First Mets skipper Casey  
50 Buildings with

steeply pitched roofs  
51 Pressured  
53 Type of computer memory  
54 Ahead of time  
55 Have a blast!  
60 First name in mascara  
61 Bird of Old Rome  
62 Licentious man  
63 Tense (with "up")  
64 Son of Eve  
65 Provide with a hideout, perhaps

### DOWN

1 It's headquartered in Munich  
2 "That's awesome!"  
3 Terse vow  
4 Dancers' wear, sometimes  
5 Apparition  
6 Invoice word  
7 "The jig \_\_\_\_!"  
8 Debaters' need  
9 Like cheeks, at times  
10 Long and impressive  
11 Have a blast!  
12 Cara or Ryan  
13 Detective's assignments  
18 Vatican honchos  
22 Locks may hide them



23 Junta  
24 Organic acid form  
25 Have a blast!  
26 Anesthetic liquid  
29 Sow sounds  
33 Western scene  
35 Union member  
36 Hoo-has  
38 Tested one's courage  
39 Being shot  
41 Filled with awe  
42 "Beat it!"  
44 Founder of

the Shakers, in America  
46 From the beginning  
47 Streamlined  
48 Display poor sportsmanship, in a way  
49 \_\_\_\_ de Zamora, Argentina  
52 Basilica center  
56 "Caboodle" partner  
57 Take the wrong way?  
58 Lament  
59 Thus far

### Yesterday's Solution



## Su | do | ku

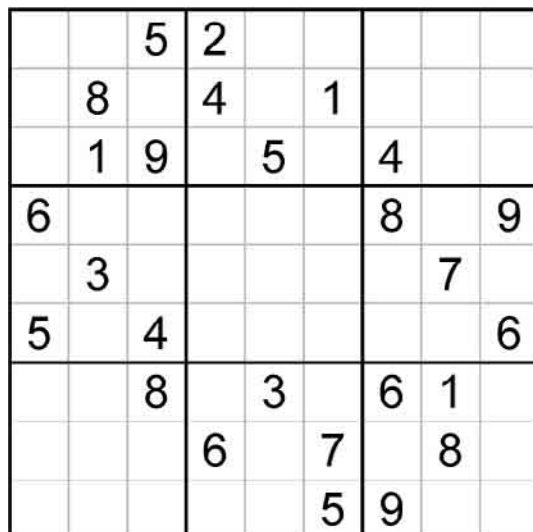
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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

### Yesterday's Solution

1	2	3	7	8	9	6	4	5
4	9	5	3	2	6	8	7	1
8	7	6	5	1	4	2	3	9
7	5	9	6	4	2	1	8	3
6	1	8	9	5	3	7	2	4
2	3	4	8	7	1	9	5	6
3	4	1	2	6	8	5	9	7
9	8	7	1	3	5	4	6	2
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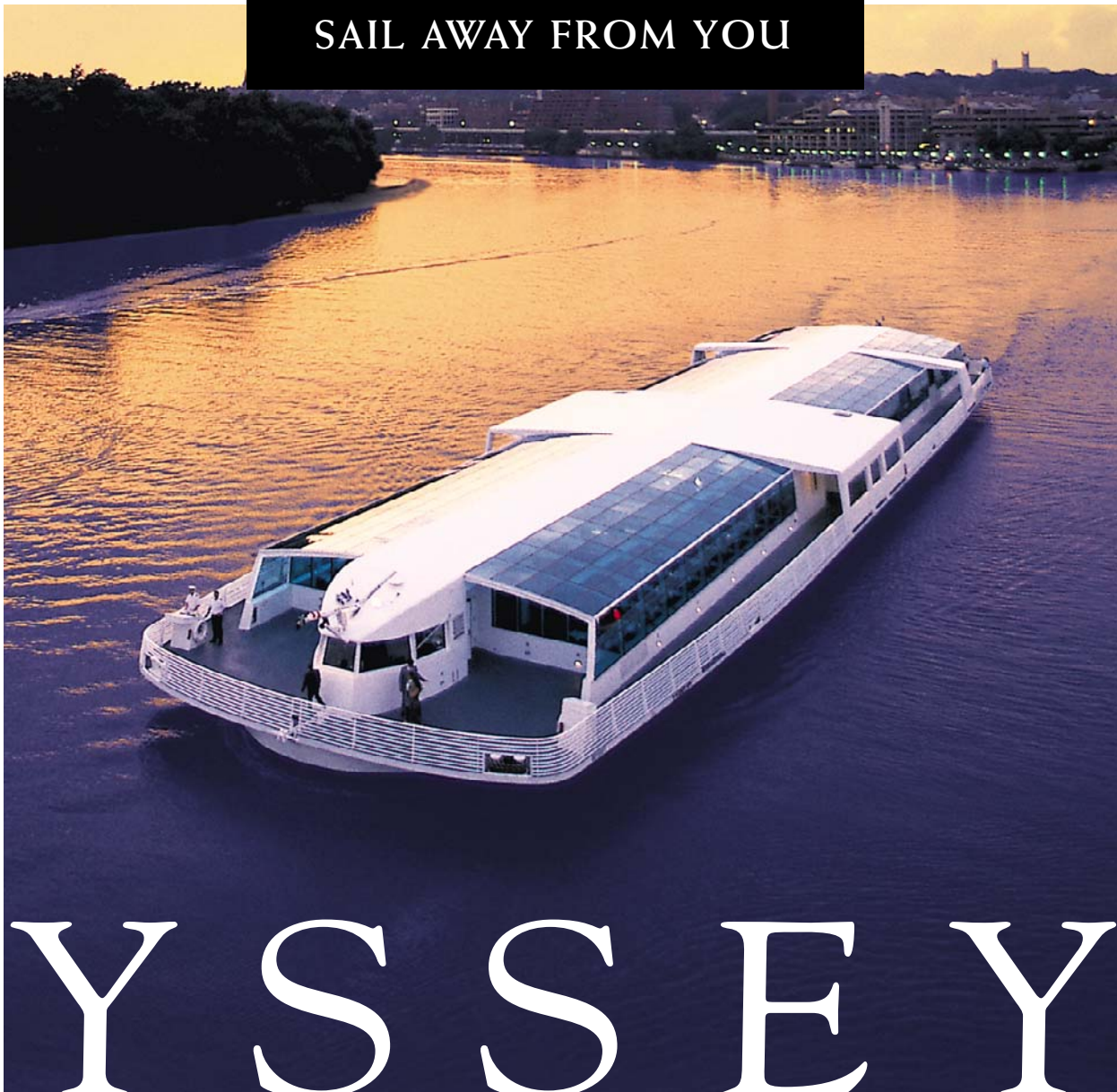
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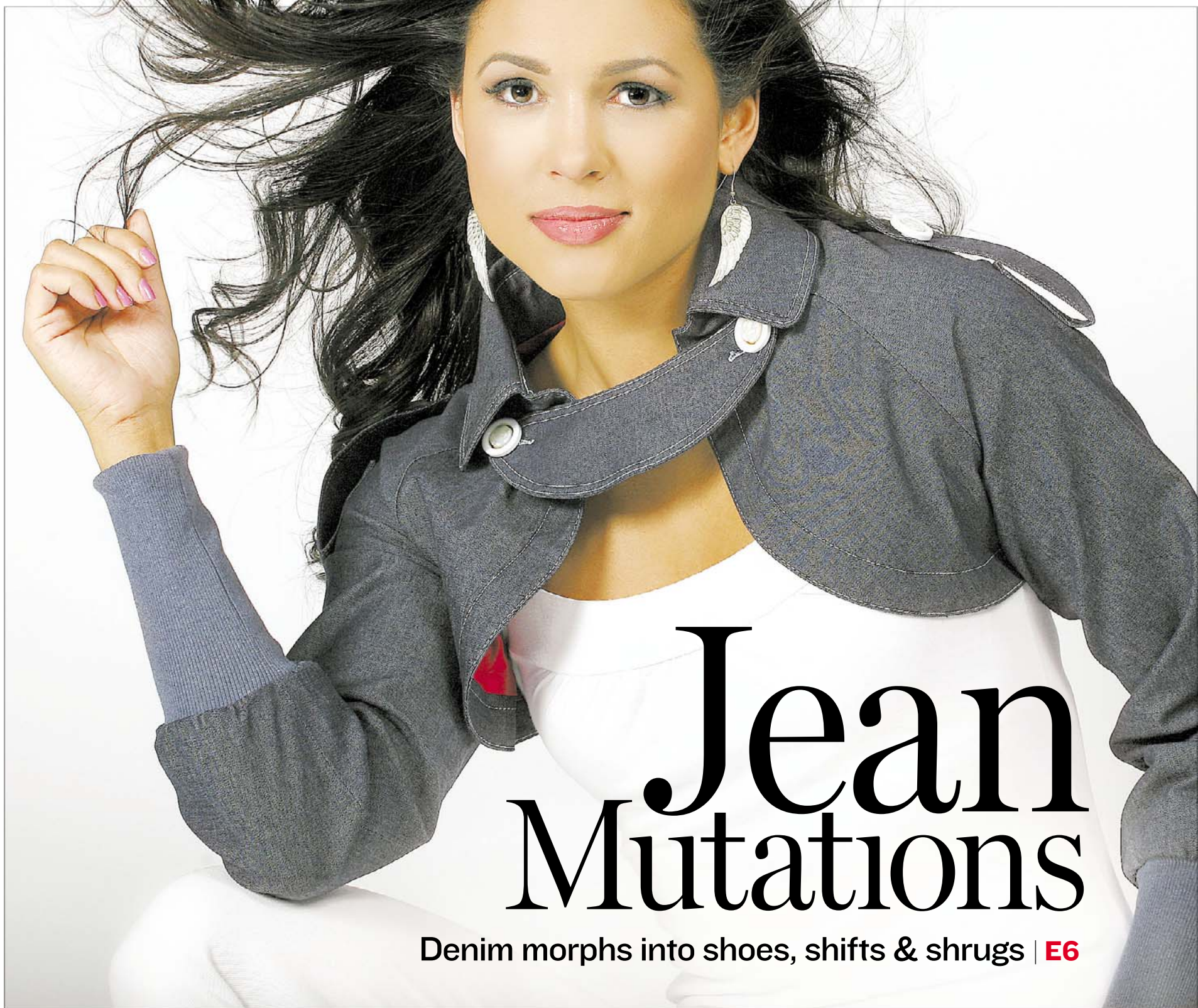
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# face QA time

■ **While most stylists** ply their trade on pampered celebs, Lloyd Boston gives fashion to real folks, both through his television appearances and his personal ones. To snag one-on-one time with the master of clothing cool, head to the Lord & Taylor in Chevy Chase this Saturday at 1 p.m. He's hosting a Jones New York runway show, then dishing out advice.

**OK, first I need your thoughts on the Oscar fashions.**

I loved Penelope Cruz. I thought the Versace dress was great — it had runway appeal and it worked on the red carpet. J. Lo wore a dress from Marchesa, the hot, new design team, that was artful and ladylike. Jennifer Hudson looked much better without the jacket, which was very Flash Gordon.

**Any trends that'll trickle down to the masses?**

There weren't 10 women in cream this year, so I think we'll see pops of bright for evening wear this fall. Celine Dion was in green, Jada Pinkett Smith looked fabulous in gold, Jodi Foster pulled out that gorgeous blue and Jessica Biel was in that shocking fuchsia.

**What are you wearing these days?**

I've been trying to do a cleaner version of retro style — a V-neck sweater, a crisp white shirt, no tie. And white jeans with a gorgeous camel sweater. It makes me feel fresh and clean. I love white jeans, and you can wear them year-round.

**Is there one item of clothing you wish you could wear every day?**

I've been reaching for my black cashmere turtleneck. It vacillates quickly from day to night. In this weather, I want to feel toasty, but don't want to wear a bulky sweater.

**What are you eyeing as the hot guy trend for spring?**

A nice tan suit. It has a great swoon factor. Jones New York makes a classic one you can pair with a sky-blue



KATY WINN/GETTY IMAGES

## Lloyd Boston

STYLE EXPERT FOR 'TODAY' AND 'THE VIEW'

or lavender shirt and loafers. It looks like you came from sipping a mint julep at the Kentucky Derby.

**And for the ladies?**

I'm really voting for the shirt dress. It's something any woman of any age can pull off. A younger woman could add a fun knee boot, while a 45-year-old might wear it with a cardigan and sensible pumps. It's

a great shape that you can travel with really easily.

**Is it ever traumatic for you to get dressed in the morning?**

Most days, no. I can just put on a black turtleneck, jeans and a simple shoe. I have my closet organized by color and style. My shirts are organized by color and then pattern. I think of it as a library of sorts.

"My shirts are organized by color, then pattern. I think of my closet as a library of sorts."

**How big is this closet?**

It's not that big. But I did turn a bedroom into my closet. It was the smallest bedroom in the place.

**Your thoughts on D.C. style?**

I love the area, but fashion seems pretty rigid on the political side. I would love to style Hillary Clinton. Women have it tough down there. You have to have a certain authenticity and retain femininity.

**So, you'll be giving women five-minute makeovers? How?**

I've been in fashion for 15 years. When I look at a woman's clothing, I can see who she is immediately. It's a party. I get to dance around the store and throw them six outfits to try on. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

# IN THE POST TODAY



## Have a Date With Your Artistic Side

Area drop-in art classes allow you to get in touch with your inner artist, no long-term commitment required. Weekend section.

**Also in Weekend:** Mixing with the theater crowd at Playbill Cafe. Searching for classic sushi in Northern Virginia. Plus, the weekend's best bets, shows to catch, and what's new at the movies, on DVD and in video games.

Great weekends start with the Weekend section. Get it today!

**The Washington Post**





## 4 A Lamp for Your Camp

**THERE'S NO REASON** a modern Arlington loft can't look like a backwoods cabin. Uncommon Goods' new Americana table lamp ( \$110, uncommongoods.com) combines a varnished cedar log with a shade bearing a retro map of the U.S.A. Cowboyish and cool, this baby illuminates both reading material and those who have forgotten their state capitals.

## 3 Fresh Start

**IN WHAT IS SURELY** a patent-infringement lawsuit waiting to happen, QuickSeals (\$3.50 for 20, quickseals.com) transform any plastic bag into a zippered version of itself: Just press the sticky bottom edges to the sides of the target receptacle. We happily zipped up carrots, cookies and cereal, which all stayed satisfactorily fresh.



## 1 New Cred on the Block

**NEIMAN MARCUS'** hip kid sister, Cusp (3030 M St. NW; 202-625-0893), opened its second area store Thursday on Georgetown's main drag within a few Choo steps of rival label-slinger Barneys New York Co-Op and a soon-to-open Juicy Couture flagship. The airy, two-level 'tique overfloweth with urban design elements (found-object sculptures, graffiti floor rugs) and urbane designers. Standout stuff: a Rebecca Taylor tunic with gem trim (\$320) and loads of trapeze dresses.

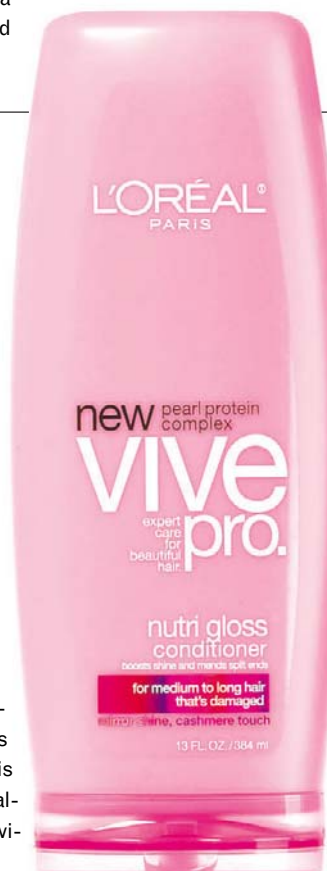


## 2 Out of Africa

**THE NEWS ABOUT CHOCOLATE** keeps getting better. Now it's not only good for your heart, but it'll also make you good-hearted — if you're buying bars of Divine (divinechocolateusa.com), which just launched in the U.S. The fair trade-certified company is owned by the African farmers who grow the beans, so they're living better. And you'll be eating better, too.

## 5 Going to Great Lengths

**BREAKING DOWN** shampoo and conditioner by lock length as well as type (fine, damaged, etc.) is, frankly, splitting you-know-what. Though absurdly over-specific, L'Oréal's Vive Pro Nutri Gloss for medium to long hair (\$5, drugstores) still gives good tress. The slightly mousse-y texture is pleasantly light in feel. Our hair, which normally looks like electrified straw, was softer, wavier and less static-plagued.



## dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

**I'm a poor girl at the bottom of the corporate ladder, and I need something both cheerful and not terribly expensive to wear to work this spring.** —LAURA

■ Manolo says, ahhh, the bottom of the corporate ladder. How the Manolo remembers those long-ago days in his first job, on the lowest rung as the Second Assistant Shoeshine Boy in the shoe shop of the Mercurio Albornozy Bahamonde. Yes, the pay was not much — the few fistfuls of pesetas and all the lunchroom left-



overs he could steal — but the opportunity for advancement was unlimited. Through hard work and dedication the Manolo climbed the ladder of success, all the way up to the exalted position of Associate Shoeshine Boy in Charge of Laces! He even had his own corner box on which he could squat while he labored! Ayyyyyy! Those were heady days of success for the young Manolo. But, then, sadly, the shoe shining was outsourced to street urchins and the Manolo found himself having to start all over again at the ripe age of 13. But such is corporate life. Here is the Cargo from the Franco Sarto (\$93, zappos.com), the cute and breezy wedge-heel shoe that would enliven the spring day of corporate climbing.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at [manolo@shoeblogs.com](mailto:manolo@shoeblogs.com). Visit the Manolo at [shoeblogs.com](http://shoeblogs.com).

## ON THE COVER

Jessica wears a denim shrug by Toddre Monier (\$72, Wild Women Wear Red, 1512 U St. NW; 202-387-5700) and Seven for All Mankind jeans (\$117.60, Denim Bar, 4940 Saint Elmo Ave, Bethesda; 301-656-2280). Styling by Victoria Stiles. Model and stylist, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Michelle Repiso.



# Styles | beauty

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OLD PRODUCTS THAT ARE NEW TO US



## Lotion to Love

■ If only we'd found you sooner, **MDSKINCARE HYDRA PURE INTENSE MOISTURE CREAM** (\$120, mdskinicare.com)! Unlike most lotions, which just pile moisture on top of you, this high-tech formula actually pulls junk like heavy metals and toxins — which can cause dry, irritated skin — out of the body, then adds softness to your now-purer skin. It also eliminates redness: Our chapped epidermis seemed healed after one use. Pricey? Absolutely. But a little really lasts (a half dollar-sized dollop should do you for the day), and for those with painful, itchy outer layers, it would be worth it. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

## Zit Zapped Zoom

■ We love a good pimple-killer. And **SONJA DAKAR'S DRYING POTION** (\$25, sonjadakar.com) is the Terminator plus Predator plus Alien. Only for skin. Just dot a bit of the liquid (which

has sulfur in it, so it's going to smell nasty) on the blemish, wait for the tingling to subside and go to bed. You'll wake up, and that little bugger will be gone. The only thing we don't like is that it shows through

makeup, so you can't use it to shock and awe morning surprises. But we found it worked wonders on those threatening spots where you can just sense Pimplor the Gigantic preparing to burst forth. K.P.K.



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# How Seed It Is

Pomegranates are not just for Pomtinis, ladies. No longer content to stain fingers, sit behind the bar or languish in the juice aisle, this red fruit is making its way into cosmetics, skin care and beauty treats. Just like the sweet seeds that enticed poor, hungry Persephone, condemning her to the underworld and us to long winters, these pommy picks will sorely tempt you. STEPHANIE JONES

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(1) **Murad's Energizing Pomegranate Lip Therapy** protects and moisturizes, but its surprising ability to pass as a wet-look lip gloss was most impressive. (\$15, murad.com) (2) The eyes read "Pomegranate Anise" on the label of **Fresh Index eau de parfum**, but the nose gets a hit of softer, non-acidic grapefruit. (\$75, fresh.com) (3) In its 14-inch bottle, MOR's sweet-smelling **Pomegranate Bath Foam** will physically intimidate all your other tub treats. (\$28, morcosmetics.com) (4) **Tarte Inside Out Glosses** smell like pomegranate and taste like sticky. These babies contain BORBA nutraceuticals, infusing the wearer with supposedly skin-clarifying vitamins. (\$21 each, Sephora) (5) **Origins Pomegranate Wash** cleanses with the eponymous fruit's extract, but smells of more mundane oranges and strawberries. (\$16.50, origins.com)

## WHAT'S IN YOUR MAKEUP BAG ►► MORGAN HUNGERFORD

## Fashion Blogger Talks Beauty

■ D.C. gets a bad rap in the fashion department, asserts Morgan Hungerford, creator of Muss Line clothing and the recently launched style blog Panda Head (pandahead.blogspot.com). Her designs encompass both reconstructed vintage pieces and new, hand-screened T-shirts; her makeup bag is filled with both drugstore basics and dashes of glamour.

To keep lips in tip-top shape, she slathers on addictive **CARMEX** balm: "I use it 1,000 times a day." She also swears by the classic cheek stain **BENETINT**, from Benefit. "I never use foundation, but I'll always have blush on because I'm really pale." For daytime lashes, Hungerford uses "standard **MAYBELLINE GREAT**



**LASH**," but for a more movie-star look, she chooses **RIMMEL EYE GLOSS** in Equinox. "It's really cheap, and Kate Moss is their spokesperson, so who can resist?" Her perfume of choice? **CHANEL CHANCE**.

On her wish list is Lancome's sold-out-all-over, limited-edition **LE ROUGE ABSOLUE** lipstick in Proenza Pink. "It's this ridiculously awesome, sort of nude shade." K.P.K.





# Bargaining Cool

## Fashion and furniture deals abound at the new C-Mart

**LEGENDS** (well, a shopaholic great-aunt) tell us that long ago, at outlets far, far away from major cities, bargain hunters used to score real deals: Prada shoes for 70 percent off, sofas for a song. In the Mesolithic markdown era, before Ann Taylor and Brooks Brothers manufactured merch just for “factory stores,” journeying to an outlet meant more than trawling for cut-rate, ripped Old Navy T-shirts before heading to the food court to feed on giant funnel cakes.

Genuine scores still happen at Landover, Md.’s, new C-Mart, the second branch of 36-year-old Joppatowne, Md.’s, overstock, out-of-season and floor-model megamart. But those without fashion fortitude — or knowledge of what clothes and furniture really cost — should be wary.

### → STYLE

C-Mart lurks in a 120,000-square-foot ex-Sam’s Club with soaring ceilings and grimy floors. Like outlets

of yore, the place looks a mess. A motley crew of customers — women toting screaming infants, metrosexual dudes with iPods — add to the slightly “Mad Max” atmosphere.

About half of the store is devoted to furniture, from ornate sinks to orange suede chairs that look stolen from “2001: A Space Odyssey” (\$1,400). Home pieces lean toward large and dramatic — a life-sized wooden horse head (\$234), Bramble’s Frenchified

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cabinets. Some stuff is battered, like a Hickory Chair dining table wearing many dings but costing \$1,554, not \$5,000.

C-Mart’s clothing sections are harder to excavate. We liked men’s goodies like rock ‘n’ roll belts we’d ogled last year at Barneys Co-Op for \$100-plus (here \$20-\$45) and

**SEEN AT BARNEYS CO-OP** last season for about \$150, this studded men’s belt ran \$41 at C-Mart, the new Landover über-outlet for fashion and furniture.



**ANTELOPE PLAY:** Hide tuffets, mod sectionals and other wild furniture finds are corralled at the C-Mart outlet.

Etro shirts for \$79.

The juniors section yielded Forever 21 blouses for \$10 (once \$20) and past-season Nieves Lavi flowered silk dresses for \$80 still wearing Intermix tags reading “\$355.” A trove of Ann Taylor fashions held business-y buys like tweed pants for \$18. Overflowing boxes of his or hers American Apparel tees and hoodies were \$4 each, but many bore what appeared to be crypt-dust stains.

### → SERVICE

C-Martrons in red shirts buzzed around the behemoth place, as did burly guys in polos labeled “Police.” If queried, they responded politely, but many seemed mostly concerned with potential shoplifters.

### → PRICE

Deals here seem genuinely good, since the stock’s been acquired via insurance salvage lots, shuttered boutiques and other sources. It helps to know what things cost in the real world. Yeah, that suede bench is a bargain at \$1,500, because it’d run \$3,000 at a Georgetown boutique. Ditto a \$14 Ann Taylor Loft sweater, which we’d seen last year at the mother ship for \$50.

### → MINUS POINTS

The women’s section looked more “Project Runaway” than “Project Runway” when we visited, with a bizarre cocktail of the out-of-date (a three-year-old Marc Jacobs blazer for \$125) and out-of-control ugly (a tent-like Krizia dress only Bea Arthur could love).

### → BONUS POINTS

Gals’ shoes were unusual and well-priced: Kate Spade wedges for \$100, Nine West velvet platforms for \$40.

### → BUREAUCRACY

Full refunds or store credit with receipt within seven days. No checks. Furniture delivery can be arranged for \$80 and up, plus gas costs.

### → BOTTOM LINE

Love the joy of the hunt? C-Mart ain’t for amateur shoppers, but if you like digging and eclectic buys, it’s worth the trek, the time and the potential delivery costs.

## peeves of the pros



Paris Hilton: Abuser of the wide belt.

### PLEASE STOP...

## Badly Belting

■ “People are pairing high-waisted belts with absolutely the wrong things,” sighs Danielle Youngblood, assistant manager at Barneys New York Co-Op (3040 M St. NW; 202-350-5832). “We’re seeing belts on everything, on shirts with a lot of detail where a belt really isn’t necessary. We’ll see a really ornate top with some ornate jewelry with bright shoes and a belt and it just becomes way too much.”

Nor should a colossal cincher be paired with jeans and a T-shirt. “A high-waisted belt is dressier. It’s more of a statement, not ‘I’m walking around Georgetown on a Sunday afternoon,’” explains Youngblood.

And be mindful that not everyone can pull off this look. If you’re blessed with a long torso, you can rock a big belt with “something that’s very plain, like a long tunic,” Youngblood says. “You want the belt to make the statement alone.”

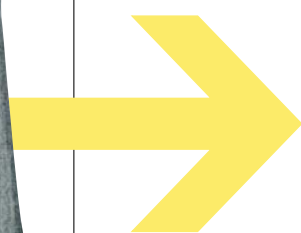
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**event horizon**

Learn how to bone a chicken, dice an onion, care for your blades and more at the McLean Community Center’s knife skills class. (\$55-\$63, Mon., 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 7 p.m.-10 p.m., 1234 Ingleside Ave.; 703-790-0123; mcleancenter.org)



# Cut From the Same Cloth



If life had a dress code, it would undoubtedly include denim. We wear jeans for work and play, and their tough twill (which traces its history to 17th-century France) now pops up on more than just dungarees. Frocks, shoes and skirts seem fresh when sewn from America's favorite fabric. Even blue jeans, invented by 19th-century San Franciscan Levi Strauss, are showing new shapes (wide legs) and colors (red, yellow). With so much denim to choose from this season, it's tempting to go overboard. But stick to one piece at a time, cowgirl. No one looks good in a Canadian tuxedo. **ASHLEY JOY PARKER**



## ↑ PLAYFUL YET PRACTICAL,

this lightweight empire-waist dress can be worn as a jumper over a long-sleeved tee, or all by itself. The darts at the bust create a flattering fit up top, while the high waist allows those gals self-conscious about their tummies to relax. (\$69.50, gap.com)

↑ **SHORT, SLINKY AND STRAPLESS:** This little blue number embodies the trifecta of mini-dress must-haves. Mix with a pair of chunky cowboy boots to add just the right amount of ruggedness. And until it really starts to feel like spring, slip on a little shrug to spare yourself cold shoulders. (\$178, shopbop.com)

↓ **BELL-BOTTOMS** aren't the only '70s relic back in force. Wooden platforms are hustling down runways like it was the bicentennial, but Zinc's 4-inchers are more darling than disco. Show them off with white capris and a yellow top. (\$93, zappos.com)



## ← A MORE

take on St. Pauli girl of beer-b this charming Betsey dress fits like a corse bust, turning any ch buxom bombshell (Johnson, Tyson's 703-442-3940). Sti the dark denim the strappy espadrille Black play up the (\$129, zappos.co

## → TO POLISH UP DENIM for

work, grab darker pieces tailored close to the body. These pin-striped capris would pair neatly with a crisp white blouse and red or cobalt patent-leather pumps. (\$60, Caramel, 1603 U St. NW; 202-265-1930)





**BALLERINAS NEED** casual days, too. These flats from Nine West stretch to fit and are so light you'll swear you're in slippers. But denim shoes with jeans can be tricky, so instead of trying to match hues, embrace different sorts of blues. (\$55, zappos.com)

**MORE** cheeky little fame, Johnson at the into a 35, Betsey Lleria, ng with e, these by Dani ll skirt ).



**NOT YOUR TYPICAL** noir-heroine trench, this dark indigo piece breathes energy into the spring staple and flatters with a cinched silhouette. The denim seems heavy enough to battle D.C. winds. (\$98, gap.com)



**HIGH OF WAIST** and wide of leg, Habitual's bell-bottoms trim the torso while lengthening the legs. Bonus: Next time you bend over, your thong won't peek out. (\$198, Denim Bar, 4939 Cordell Ave., Bethesda; 301-986-5260)

**CAPRIS GO PIN-THIN** and get '80s inspired ankle zippers, thanks to Citizens of Humanity. (\$202, Daisy Too, 4940 Saint Elmo Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-2280)

**AN OLIVE-GREEN WASH** makes J. Brand's skinny jeans seem unusual and new. They'd look racy and head-turning with tall boots or sky-high stilettos. (\$159, Denim Bar)



**HUGE-IN-THE-'80S** colored denim is back, in such bold hues as teal, purple and orange. Try Seven For All Mankind's mini over black leggings for a retro, Lower East Side look. (\$132, Denim Bar)

**CAMOUFLAGE THEY MAY BE**, but don't expect to blend in wearing Chip & Pepper's Daisy Dukes. Feather-light cloth makes them as airy as gym shorts. Pair with anything but a "Go Army" T-shirt. (\$154, chipandpepper.com)

**SHE'S GOT LEGS:** A rich navy wash and asymmetrical buttons lend Napoleonic swagger to Muse by DLW's shorts. They seem just right for nights out with lace-up espadrilles and a cropped blazer. (\$130, funkyllala.com)



# Styles | people



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## out there

SEEKING ANSWERS  
ON THE TOWN

### Q What did/would you give up for Lent?

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1. "I gave up ultimate Frisbee. And shaving," Clark Johnson. "I didn't give up anything. I'm such a bad Catholic. I should have given up reality TV," Frances Molinaro. 2. "Drinking at lunchtime," Erikka Robinson. 3. "Sex," Suzanne Romans, left. "Text messaging," Kelly Gillin. 4. "Abstention," Julian Sanchez, left. "Forgiveness," David Weigel, middle. "Being Catholic," Ezra Klein. 5. "I really love the Wizards, so I'd give them up," Jessica Clauser, left. "I went vegan," Michael Endale. "Drinking," Rachel Hardesty. 6. "Scrunchies," Nicole Cinco, left. "I guess I would give up my snooze button," Debra Kahn, middle. "Being messy," Jonathan Woody. 7. "Smoking," Chip Krueger. "Judaism," Sara DuBois. 8. "Rational behavior. And not seeing 'Ghost Rider,'" Alex Pareene, left. "Nothing. But in the past, I've given up instant messenger twice," Pete Smith. 9. "Quesadillas," Anna Fitzgerald, left. "I'm Jewish, so I'd give up Jesus," Brynna Pietz. 10. "I gave up eating out, but I'm not a stickler about it," Connie Winterstein. "I gave up giving things up," John Wegman. 11. "Fluffernutter," Matthew Connor. "Ponies," Mariele Wardian. MAURA JUDKIS AND ERIN SHEA



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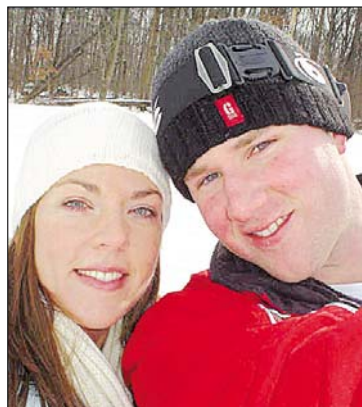
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## Courtney Gillen, Rob Macfarlane

**Courtney, 26, is a project designer at Perkins + Will. Rob, 29, is a corporate finance manager at Sallie Mae. They live in Germantown.**

- **The Main Event:** A "formal, but not black tie" event for 175 guests on June 2 in Rockville.
- **How They Met:** "We grew up 15 miles apart, went to high schools in the same district, then to Virginia Tech, yet we never seemed to meet," said Courtney. "After I graduated in 2002, we met in a bar in Bethesda."
- **How He Proposed:** After going to

dinner to celebrate Courtney's completion of a weekend-long exam for work, Rob presented her with a bottle of wine, on which the label read, "I love you Courtney, will you marry me?"

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Courtney's tall tan 'riding' boots she wears over her jeans," said Rob.

■ **When They Knew:** "When his goofy dancing finally made me smile instead of turning bright red," said Courtney. "When I realized she is the total package," said Rob.

■ **The Dress:** A strapless, A-line gown with a champagne sash. "I am still looking for a beautiful, possibly antique brooch to wear," said Courtney.

■ **Making It Unique:** "We will have a slide show playing during our first dance with a sequence of pictures of us from when we were little kids to when we first met," said Courtney.

"He looked like a boy-band member," said Courtney.



## Terry Burcham, Lindsey Swanson

**Terry, 36, is an information architect for Sapient. Lindsey, 24, is self-employed. They live in Alexandria.**

- **The Main Event:** A "contemporary yet informal garden party" on April 14 for 240 guests. The ceremony and reception will be held in Lindsey's parents' backyard in Alexandria.
- **Honeymoon:** Curacao in the Netherlands Antilles.
- **How They Met:** At work. "Her office was next to mine," said Terry. "I would constantly ask 'How's it going?' She thought I was weird at first, but I won her over."
- **First Date:** Dinner and drinks at Zaytinya, then a walk around the Hirshhorn sculpture garden. "By the

## Snacks Always Help

If you're going to propose marriage, eat first. When **DAVID SRACIC** wanted to ask **KRISTINA RENCIC** to be his bride, he took her for an evening stroll around the Tidal Basin. Unfortunately, she was expecting to go to dinner. "As my stomach continued to growl and my feet ached, I wondered why we were headed to the Jefferson Memorial when we should have been at the restaurant." When they reached the memorial, Dave popped the question. "All she did was squeak," said Dave. "Longest two minutes of my life, waiting for her to actually say the word, 'yes!'"

The couple will incorporate their Croatian heritage into the ceremony. "Greeters will hand out rosemary to all the guests when they enter the church," said Kristina. "It's symbolic of remembrance and fidelity." Also, the families of the bride and groom will drink Kristina's dad's homemade wine from a bukaleta, a traditional pitcher.

Kristina, 28, and Dave, 27, live in Gaithersburg. They will marry May 12 in Berlin, N.J.

## Michele Dixey, Matthew Muroff

**Michele, 34, is a transportation portfolio manager for Export-Import Bank. Matt, 30, is a marketing analyst for Echelon Marketing Group. They live in Alexandria.**

- **The Main Event:** A formal, interfaith Jewish-Christian ceremony for 90 guests on April 29 in Newport, R.I.
- **How They Met:** At happy hour at Sine in Pentagon Row. "I saw Matt standing at the other end of the bar and

thought he was one of the most handsome men I had ever seen," said Michele. "Even though my head told me not to, my heart told me I had to go and talk to this guy."

■ **First Date:** At Local 16. "Apparently, I mumbled through the evening, while Michele politely laughed at everything I said," Matt said. "The restaurant was loud, so I nodded, laughed and smiled based on the tone



of his voice," said Michele. "To this day, I have no idea what he said."

■ **How He Proposed:** While hiking in Maine. It was "the coldest hike I've ever

been on — and I grew up in Minnesota," said Michele. After Matt proposed, he brought out a bottle of champagne. "We spent sometime finding a protected place to sit and drink it because it was so amazingly cold," said Matt.

■ **When She Knew:** While on a trip to Rome, "I looked over to see Matt taking a picture. Something in me just knew, and I snapped a picture of him taking a picture. It sits on my desk at work and I look at it and remember the moment I knew that I wanted to share the rest of my life with him," said Michele.

■ **Making It Unique:** For favors, they are giving out seedling trees.

"It wasn't until she saw me do an impersonation of Flavor Flav that I sealed the deal."

end of the evening, we had stars in our eyes and two parking tickets on our windshields," said Terry.

■ **How He Proposed:** The night they first moved in together — he gave her the ring as a "housewarming" gift.

■ **The Dress:** Lindsey will wear a handmade lace gown with pearl accents.

■ **Making It Unique:** "One of the many loves that we share is a love of architecture. We chose to make it the theme of our wedding," said Terry. "The groom's cake will be in the shape of the Guggenheim in New York."

**Getting Married?** If you'd like to see your wedding or commitment ceremony in B.I.O., send your favorite informal photograph (wacky is fine, but please don't send a formal engagement shot), plus your names and ceremony date to [weddings@readexpress.com](mailto:weddings@readexpress.com). Please contact us at least one month before your wedding. We'll get back to you with some questions as your big day approaches.



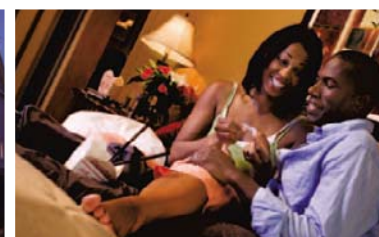


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